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## Food For Thought

For the week of September 12, 2010

*(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)*

1. This week we camped out on the story of Lot and had the opportunity to look at several of his "fatal flaws." Lot chose to go to Sodom for economic reasons and paid a heavy price for his greed and misplaced priorities. Take a look at what the Bible has to say about greed in the verses below.

Ephesians 5:3

Colossians 3:5

1 Timothy 6:9-11

Is there an area where you can be tempted to become greedy?  
How could you go about "putting to death" or "fleeing" from greed?

2. Take a minute and consider the culture we live in today. Think about the advertising we are exposed to and the selfish priorities we are encouraged to embrace. We're bombarded with messages that say, "focus on yourself," and "look out for number one." Jesus had a message that was counter-cultural. He once told a story that, if applied to our own lives, can help us overcome selfishness. Check it out in Luke 10:25-37.

Based on this story and Larry's message, what does it take to battle selfishness?

Has God placed you in a situation where you can reach out and be the "good Samaritan" in someone else's life?

3. One person who desperately needed grace and mercy was the Apostle Paul. He was well aware of the skeletons in his own closet. He also knew the stories of brokenness and sin of people in the churches he planted. Read the passages below and describe the kinds of people who were in these churches.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Titus 3:3-7

List the things God did for these people despite their tainted past.

As a follower of Jesus, God has done the same things for you as He did for those believers. Which of those things are most meaningful to you?  
How could what God did for you motivate you to serve Him?