

MIRIAM AND THE GREEN-EYED MONSTER

(Heroes and Zeros- Part 2)

May 1, 2022

The Passage: Numbers 12:1-16

ENVY - a desire for what _____

- _____ over others' blessings

- _____ over their failures/losses

THE PROBLEM WITH ENVY

It is humiliating

It poisons contentment/ _____

It destroys _____

It ruins _____

OVERCOMING ENVY

Celebrate God's _____ to others

Embrace God's goodness _____

Life Group Questions for the Week of May 1, 2022

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
2. What are some ways that our culture depends on or encourages envy?
3. What do people most envy in and/or about others? In what ways does being envious make you miserable?
4. Read James 3:14-16. Where does envy or selfish ambition come from? What kind of misery or trouble can envy or selfish ambition cause a person? Think of someone you know who struggles with envy. What kind of trouble does this create for them?
5. Read 1 Timothy 6:3-11. What does envy arise from? Give an example of a wrong doctrine or teaching that might lead to envy. What doctrines or teachings lead to godliness with contentment?
6. Read Romans 12:15. How does empathy play a part in rejoicing with those who rejoice? How is envy a violation of the command to love our neighbor as yourself?

How might the following verses help us celebrate the accomplishments of others? Proverbs 3:27, Proverbs 15:30, Galatians 6:9-10, Philippians 2:3? Which of these verses or principles is most important for you to remember and why?
7. Are you more likely to rejoice when others prosper or feel envious and jealous? What would it look like for you to celebrate God's goodness to others?
8. How has God taught (or is teaching you) to be content and grateful for who you are and what you have?