

COUNTERFEIT *Fame, money, stuff, comfort perfectionism, approval* COUNTERFEIT

GROUP CHAT

Key Scriptures

So David did as God commanded him, and they struck down the Philistine army, all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. So David's fame spread throughout every land, and the LORD made all the nations fear him. **1 Chronicles 14:16–17 NIV**

"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less." **John 3:30 NLT**

For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the motives of our hearts. ... As for human praise, we have never sought it from you or anyone else. **1 Thessalonians 2:4, 6 NLT**

Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. **Psalms 115:1 NIV**

My life passes as swiftly as the evening shadows. I am withering away like grass. But you, O LORD, will sit on your throne forever. Your fame will endure to every generation. **Psalms 102:11–12 NLT**

Start talking. Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Have you ever been starstruck by someone famous?
- What are some of the pros and cons that come with fame?

Start thinking. Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Have you ever pursued fame in the past, even in small ways? How did you pursue it?
- How does pursuing fame move us away from God and others?
- Read Psalm 115:1. Are there any areas of your life where you're tempted to pursue fame instead of being faithful?

Start sharing. Choose a question to create openness.

- How can you resist cravings for fame?
- What are some ways you can elevate God and others this week, rather than yourself?

Start praying. Be bold.

Father, You're worthy of all fame and glory and praise. Thank You for all You've done for each of us—for creating us, providing for us, and leading us. Help us to make more of You and less of ourselves this week. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- Think of someone in need of encouragement. Commit to lifting them up in some small (or big!) way this week.