



Gratitude & Luxury Game

In groups of three/four, discuss:

What is a luxury? (**report back**)

In groups, tally up and don't sweat the details:

- How many sinks and toilets do you have in your house?
- How many of you took a shower this morning?
- How many times did you eat out in the last week?
- How many of you came by car to church today?
- How many electronic devices do you have? (phones, tvs, ipads/tablet, computers, etc)
- How many pets do you have?
- How many different hospitals can you get to in less than an hour?
- Check the labels of your clothing today. How many items were made in another country?
- How many countries have you visited?
- Count the number of years of school/education represented around your table.

Return to large group and discuss:

- What surprised you?
- Do these questions change how you define *luxury*?
- In what ways do you think the definition of luxury might differ between societies?



Luxury tax concept

GWP started as the mainstream women's movement was finding energy within the church, and some leaders wanted us to remember that our liberation is connected with liberation of women throughout the world. The luxury tax is a way to keep us grounded in a global (rather than self-centered) perspective.

Women and men would choose an item/activity that is not as available in other places:

- a warm shower from running water or...
- a garage door opener or...
- having a pet or...
- sweet desserts or...
- getting a manicure or...
- a hot cup of coffee.

Taxing ourselves might sound...well, taxing. But the luxury tax means you don't have to give something up or feel guilty - rather, each time we press that garage door opener we have an opportunity to be grateful and to share generously out of that gratitude.

What does Global Women's Project do with the money?

Send it to women-led organizations throughout the world. Current partner projects support:

- sewing cooperative in Narus, South Sudan
- farming cooperative in Rwanda
- women's health classes in Chiapas, Mexico
- shelters for abused and sex-trafficked women and girls in Kerala, India which do counseling and training
- housing, transportation and social support for women coming out of jail in Wabash, Indiana
- girls' education support and community activities in Uganda
- social work education and transportation in Togo

For more than 40 years, GWP has been sending your donations throughout the world where they are used by the most resilient, faithful, intelligent and determined women to improve their families and communities. Learn more <https://globalwomensproject.wordpress.com>.

Everyone will live in peace and prosperity, enjoying their own grapevines and fig trees, for there will be nothing to fear. (Micah 4:4)