

*Plastic  
Trophies*



*The lies we believe*  
**DISCUSSION  
GUIDE**

# **4-WEEK STUDY**

ON THE LIES WE BELIEVE

## **WEEK 3**

Discussion Guide

Luke 12:16-21, Isaiah 46:5-7, 9-10

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### WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** Luke 12:16-21, Isaiah 46:5-7, 9-10

### GETTING STARTED

**Goals this week:** To identify and replace the lie that says, "You are in control"

**Missed the sermon?** Watch it at [www.youtube.com/venturamissionary](http://www.youtube.com/venturamissionary)

**Break the Ice:** If you could control the weather, what would a typical week look like?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon that you'd like to discuss?
2. This week, Pastor Doug talked about the **illusion of control**. What are one or two areas of your life that you often try to control?
3. Pastor Doug mentioned six **idols of control** that we often rely on to help us control our circumstances (and other people), including: *knowledge and information, power, money, autonomy, theology and shame*. What *idols of control* do you typically rely on to cope with unpredictability or lack of control?
4. Can you think of a recent experience where you tried to control a situation and it left you feeling more anxious?
5. Read **Genesis 3:1-10**. What do the events of this passage reveal about our desire for control? What does this passage reveal about the paradoxical results of control? (hint: look at what Adam felt in verse 10)
6. Read **Genesis 4:1-8**. In what ways were Cain's actions an effort to control?
7. Re-read **Luke 12:16-21**. In what ways were the rich man's actions an effort to control? Read what Jesus said to His disciples in **Luke 12:22-31** immediately after the parable of the rich fool. What do Jesus' words reveal about control and trust?
8. Read **Colossians 1:15-20**. What do these words remind us about control and trust?
9. What is one intentional, practical way you can practice trusting God in a current situation this week?

