

**NOT MY  
KING**



# **7-WEEK STUDY**

ON SERVING JESUS INSTEAD OF  
OUR EMOTIONS

## **WEEK 4**

“IF JESUS IS MY KING,  
THEN **GREED** IS NOT MY KING”

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## WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** Luke 12:13-21

## GETTING STARTED

**Goals for this session:** To recognize greed and submit it to King Jesus

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

**Break the Ice:** What was your favorite toy as a child?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What kind of financial situation did you experience when you were growing up? Did your family have plenty? Or did you experience a lack of resources? How do you think that has affected your approach to money as an adult?
2. Pastor Doug defined greed as "a preoccupation with stuff (especially money)." Do you agree with that definition? Why or why not? What do you think qualifies as "a preoccupation?"
3. Let's get personal: have you been more generous during COVID than you were before COVID, or less generous. What do you think caused this kind of response to the circumstances of the pandemic?
3. Read **Luke 12:16-21** again as a group. Do you think it was wrong that the man in Jesus' parable saved for the future? What do you think it was about the man's behavior that Jesus criticized as greedy?
4. Have someone read **1 Timothy 6:6-10**. What are some ways that we might recognize a "love of money" in our own lives? (Hint: How have you noticed it displayed by others?)
5. Have someone read **James 2:14-17**. Why do you think James chose to use this specific example of faith? How do you think this passage applies to us?
6. Compare **James 2:14-17** to **1 John 3:17**. Why do you think these passages connect the dots between faith, God's love, and "giving to those in need?"
7. Pastor Doug encouraged us to give to God weekly, and give to others daily. What is one step you plan to take this week in response to that challenge?

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## PRAY

**Pray for each other:** Pray that each group member would recognize God's grace and blessing, and that recognition would result in gratitude and generosity

**Pray for yourself:** Pray that you would be presented with an opportunity to meet a need this week.

**Pray for your four:** Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

## ACTION STEPS

**Action Step:** **(1)** Give to God weekly and **(2)** give to people daily. This week, set up a weekly giving plan through [venturamissionary.com/give](http://venturamissionary.com/give), and look for ways every day to tip better, pay for someone else at Starbucks, a restaurant, or the grocery store.

## NOTES

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