

# NETFLIXMAS

## WEEK 2: A CHRISTMAS STORY

"HE WHO IS NOT CONTENTED WITH WHAT HE HAS, WOULD NOT BE CONTENTED WITH WHAT HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE." - SOCRATES

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

**BIG IDEA:** WHAT WE ARE ATTACHED TO DETERMINES OUR CONTENTMENT.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ALL TIME (OTHER THAN JESUS)?
2. IF YOU COULD HAVE ONE PRESENT FROM THIS LIST, WHICH WOULD YOU PICK AND WHY?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A CARIBBEAN CRUISE</li><li>• A NEW PHONE</li><li>• A DAY OFF</li><li>• NEW CLOTHES</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• NEW BOOKS</li><li>• A NEW VIDEO GAME SYSTEM</li><li>• A NEW GUN</li><li>• \$200 VISA GIFT CARD</li></ul> |
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3. THINK ABOUT THOSE GIFTS? WHAT DO THEY SAY ABOUT OUR WANTS VERSUS OUR NEEDS?
4. DURING THE MESSAGE, CARLO SAID, "*CONTENTMENT ISN'T PASSIVITY OR COMPLACENCY OR LACK. CONTENTMENT IS AN ACTIVE CONFIDENCE AND ASSURANCE IN THE GOD WHO PROVIDES. CONTENTMENT IS A HEART ISSUE.*" RESPOND TO THAT STATEMENT. DO YOU AGREE? WHY OR WHY NOT?
5. *WITH YOUR BIBLE OR THE BIBLE APP, READ LUKE 12:13-21.* IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU STORING UP TREASURE ON EARTH? IN WHAT WAYS ARE YOU "RICH TOWARD GOD"?
6. WHY IS IT DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO PRACTICE CONTENTMENT? WHAT IF YOU TOOK GOD AT HIS WORD AND TRUSTED HIM TO PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THAT YOU NEED? HOW MIGHT THAT CHANGE THE WAY YOU CURRENTLY VIEW CHRISTMAS?
7. WHAT IS ONE STEP YOU CAN TAKE TODAY TO CUT TIES WITH GREED, WORRY, AND FEAR? HOW CAN THIS GROUP SUPPORT YOU AS YOU TAKE THAT STEP?

### WHAT WILL YOU DO?

HAVE YOU DECIDED TO PRACTICE CONTENTMENT? THIS CHRISTMAS, HOW WILL YOUR NEW VIEW OF CONTENTMENT IMPACT YOUR GIFT GIVING AND RECEIVING?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*LUKE 12: 32-34 "DO NOT BE AFRAID, LITTLE FLOCK, FOR YOUR FATHER HAS BEEN PLEASED TO GIVE YOU THE KINGDOM. SELL YOUR POSSESSIONS AND GIVE TO THE POOR. PROVIDE PURSES FOR YOURSELVES THAT WILL NOT WEAR OUT, A TREASURE IN HEAVEN THAT WILL NEVER FAIL, WHERE NO THIEF COMES NEAR AND NO MOTH DESTROYS. FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.*