What four things are we often tempted to serve instead of Christ?
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## **Group Questions**

- Does other people's generosity make you uncomfortable? Why or why not?
- Are you a risk-taker or a "play it safe" kind of person? How does that affect your faith?
- Have you ever felt disappointed with God? In what way did he not live up to your expectations?
- Do you think God should reward the obedient and punish the disobedient? What sort of rewards would be appropriate?
- Is wealth something that tempts you? If not wealth, what other things are a temptation to trade in exchange for Jesus?
- What is the best thing you have ever bought to make your life more comfortable? Was it worth it the cost?
- Why is it easier to focus on what God has done for us, rather than following it up by taking up our cross and following him?
- If happiness or comfort were your ultimate goals, what would you pursue? How does God's purpose change your goals and motivations?
- Is there a place in your life where you feel God's urging to embrace discomfort? How can you do that?
- Why is power so alluring? Why can it be dangerous?
- Do you currently have a position of power in any of your circles(church, work, social circles, community)? How can you use it to serve others well?
- Think about your country's political power. Do you think it reflects the way of Jesus? Why or why not?
- Do you like to be in control? Or are you a "go with the flow" type of person? Give an example to explain.
- How did living during a pandemic challenge your perception of control?
- Are love and control able to coexist in relationships?
- Are there any areas of your life in which you are reluctant to submit to God's will? Why? How can you ask God to help you be willing to trust him with these things?