



## WEEK FOUR | DON'T MAKE A GOD OF YOUR MONEY

Money is important. Trust me, we all realize how important it is when we don't have it or not enough to sustain us. It's required to live in this world. The most difficult thing about money isn't necessarily making enough. The question is, what is God's role in having it? Most people in the world don't even consider that an issue. God seems to think it's the bottom line. Nothing in life can blind a person from his presence than the stranglehold of money and the definition of that troublesome word, SUCCESS.

**When you were a kid or teen, what did you think "success" looked like?**

**How much of that was tied to money or status?**

**How has "success" changed now that you are an adult?**

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Read Matthew 6:19–24.**

**Where do you see culture elevating the wrong people and pursuing the wrong values?**

**Where do you see your treasure going right now—your time, money, energy?**

Jesus says we can't serve both God and money. **Why do you think He uses the word "serve" instead of "use" or "have"?**

**Why would God see money not as a value of our worth, but more as a competitor (to him)?**

### APPLY IT

**Luke 19:5–10 (Zacchaeus' salvation)**

**What's one way you can shift your relationship with money to reflect greater stewardship instead of ownership?**

Think about the three questions from the end of Russ' message.

- Who are you serving?
- What are you focusing on?
- Where is your heart really anchored?

**Which of these feels most important for you to wrestle with right now—and why?**

**P R A Y**

Make this time an indispensable part of your group. It can be at the beginning, end, or wherever but don't overlook it. We have plenty to pray about.

- Pray together before you go home.
- Take requests, email them to the group, ask them to pray this week.