



No Longer For Themselves

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For The Verde Valley
Week 4:
"No Longer For Themselves"

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

- I. The _____ of sin is self.
- II. Selfishness doesn't allow us to live _____

_____.

- III. _____ is inward in approach.

- IV. In order to be FOR our world. Our _____ needs to shift.

- V. We are hardwired to live an...

A. _____

B. _____

SMALL TALK

1. Describe a way that you did something selfish this week? (It can be humorous if you want)
2. On Sunday, Luke said that selfishness is the root of all sin. Do you agree with that idea? Why or why not? Can you think of any sin that doesn't ultimately find its root in selfishness or self-centeredness?

VIEWPOINT

3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21.** Depending on the translation, the writer says in v. 14 that Christ's love "compels" or "controls" us. What does the writer say that Christ's love compels them to do? Does Christ's love compel you to do anything? If so what? If not, why do you think that is?
4. If we were able to continually remember Christ's work on the cross; his love, forgiveness, and grace to us, how do you think that might impact the way we respond to the world around us?
5. As you think about your life, what have been the most helpful things to help you get out of cycles of selfishness? How has your relationship with Christ helped you get out of cycles of selfishness?

GETTING PERSONAL

6. Have you ever had times in your life where you could easily point out the sin in others, but not clearly see your own? Was this because your sin was different than what others struggle with?
7. In what ways do you need to change your posture in order to live the upward life and the outward life that Luke spoke about?
8. Investing in others regularly is a helpful way to combat the selfishness that always wants to creep back in. What are some ideas that God has been putting on your heart about how you might be able to more regularly and consistently invest in people around you?

MAKING PROGRESS

9. What do you think you are going to do with the challenge to invest in someone specific this week? In addition to a financial investment, what other types of investments could you make in the life of someone who is still far from God? What are you going to do this week about it?

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