

# THE HOLE IN OUR GOSPEL



“Putting the American Dream  
to Death

Matthew 25:14-30

## **I. It's Not Our Money—It's God's**

“Action springs not from thought,  
but from a readiness for responsibility.”

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

## **II. We are Entrusted with Money and Resources, not Entitled to Them**

“Obedience to the Great Commission has more consistently been poisoned by affluence than by anything else.”

*Ralph Winter, U.S. Center for World Missions*

### III. God Expects Us to Invest in His Kingdom

“Sometimes I would like to ask God why he allows poverty, suffering and injustice when he could do something about it.  
‘Well, why don't you ask Him?’  
‘Because I'm afraid He would ask me the same question.’”

*Anonymous*

## Final question:

What do I need to change in my spending, saving and giving so the Master will know that "I am willing"?

### ***The Hole in Our Gospel Assignments for Week 4:***

- *Hole in Our Gospel* Reading Assignment: Chapters 12-14 in the book *The Hole in Our Gospel* in preparation for your Small Group study.
- *Hole in Our Gospel* Homework Assignment: At home, turn off your TV and computer for a day or a week. Turn on your spiritual radar. Consider spending the evening hours, or a whole day, in retreat and prayer or, take an intentional, Christ-directed walk through a neighborhood that needs your prayers and the Lord's touch. Bring a friend with you. Ask a minister or inner-city teacher to give you guidance.

To view all assignments go to  
[centralwesleyan.org/hiog-homework](http://centralwesleyan.org/hiog-homework).

**Faith Giving Cards will be in the pews through  
November 13. Continue to pray, asking God to show  
you how He would have you be involved.**

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