

Luke 12:13-34

Money Problems



Start Talking. Conversation starter for your group.

- What was your first job?
- What did you spend your first paycheck on?
- What's the difference between greed and desire for financial security? Do you think there is one?

Start Thinking.

- Read Luke 12:13-21
 - What do you think about the rich man's reasoning? He basically said: "I have more things than I can deal with, so I'll build bigger barns to house all my things!"
 - Do you resonate with this attitude? Is this really so bad?
 - Although this is almost a universal attitude in modern society and entirely accepted as reasonable, Jesus still calls this person a fool!
 - What mistaken attitude did the rich fool have concerning his riches?
 - The man in the parable was a rich fool, but there are also poor fools and middle class fools. What is it that Jesus is teaching that makes a person a fool?
- Read Luke 12:22-34
 - Why does Jesus teach us that we should not be anxious about financial security? What is your reaction to this command of Jesus not to worry?
 - What does it mean to seek first the kingdom?
 - What does worrying suggest about our view of God?

Start Sharing.

- What might be signs in your life that material security is more important to you than trust in your Father in heaven?
- Do you find yourself placing your hope in earthly treasure instead of God? How does this work itself out in your life?
- How does treasuring God change your attitude towards your possessions? Remember, Jesus teaches us that we can't serve both God and money. We will ultimately have to choose.

Start Doing

- Is God calling you to any practical application? What positive steps can you take? Is there any active repentance necessary?
- Close your time in prayer. Pray for boldness to share Jesus with your friends.
- Pray for this season of BEYOND Giving.

CHURCH NEEDS:

- KIDS MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS (CONTACT HEATHER)
- MORE LIFEGROUP LEADERS

EVENTS TO PROMOTE:

- PROMOTE BEYOND SUNDAY DEC. 11TH
- PROMOTE BAPTISM SUNDAY DEC. 11TH
 - a. Need to Sign up on the App.
- CHRISTMAS AT VISION DEC. 18TH
 - a. Two Services @ 9 and 11
 - b. Attend one service, serve in the other service.