



14-WEEK STUDY IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

WEEK 6

Discussion Guide

Luke 11:1-13; 12:13-34



PRODICAL GOD Discussion Guide

WEEKLY READING

Primary text from this week: Luke 11:1-13; 12:13-34

GETTING STARTED

Goals this week: To better understand what Jesus has to say about worry

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What is one thing you tend to worry about?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Did you read Luke 11-12 last week? What was something that encouraged or challenged you from what you read?
- 2. Discuss something that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon.
- 3. The Lord's Prayer appears in both in **Luke 11:2-4** and in **Matthew 6:9-13** (**note:** these are not different descriptions of the same event; rather, these are different events where Jesus taught a similar truth). As a group, compare both passages. What similarities and differences do you notice?
- 4. In Luke 11:5-13, Jesus teaches His disciples about prayer. As you read this passage, what do you think it teaches us about prayer? What does it reveal about God?
- 5. As a group, read **Luke 12:1-7.** (a) Who do you think Jesus is talking about in verse 4-5? (b) Does this description surprise you? Why or why not? (c) How do verses 6-7 fit with verses 4-5?
- 6. As a group, read Jesus' parable of the rich fool in **Luke 12:16-21**. How many times does the rich man refer to himself (look for *I* and *my*)? Discuss the correlation between selfishness and worry?
- 7. On Sunday, Pastor Doug indicated that we often worry about things we can't control (even though we acknowledge that control is an illusion). What are some of the areas of your life that you try to control? What are some of the things you do in your attempt to control those areas?
- 8. On Sunday, Pastor Doug listed three ways to combat worry: (1) worship and prayer, (2) generosity with forgiveness, time, and money, and (3) serving others. Talk about times when you have found this to be true (or when this didn't seem to be your experience). Which of these ways to combat worry is the most difficult for you to practice consistently?





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PRAYER

Pray for each other: Pray for each other and any specific needs.

Pray for yourself: Pray and ask God to reveal what step you can take to worry less and trust more.

Pray for your four: Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/ classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

ACTION STEPS

Identify one of the three "worry antidotes" that we discussed (worship and prayer, generosity, and serving others) that you can practice more intentionally this week. Share your plans with the group and then try to take one step forward in that area this week.

THIS WEEK'S DAILY READING

Week 7—March 6-12 (Luke 13:1-14:35)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
Luke 13:1-9	Luke 13:10-21	Luke 13:22-30	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 14:1-24	Luke 14:25-35
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