



# **PRODIGAL GOD**

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## **Discussion Guide**

# **14-WEEK STUDY**

IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

## **WEEK 6**

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



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### 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](http://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?

