

"The Disease of More" (Luke 12:13-21)

Christmas Simplified: 2025 Advent Season Series

Discussion Questions

- When you think about Christmas in your home, what tends to make the season feel "crowded" or "busy"?
- What are some ways you feel the pull toward "more" during December?
- Where have you seen this dynamic of the "Disease of More" at play—in your work, family, culture, or spiritual life?

Read Luke 12:13-21 together.

- What stands out to you about the man interrupting Jesus in v. 13?
What does his request reveal about what he believes will solve his problem?
- Jesus warns the crowd to "be on your guard against all covetousness."
What does covetousness look like in everyday life, and why do you think Jesus says we must guard against it?
- In the parable, what does the rich man assume will finally give his soul rest (vv. 17-19)?
What does his inner conversation with himself show about where he looks for security and comfort?
- God calls the man a "fool" and says, "This night your soul is required of you" (v. 20).
What does this teach us about what we actually control versus what we only *think* we control?
- Jesus ends by contrasting laying up treasure for self with being "rich toward God" (v. 21).
What do those two phrases mean, and how does that contrast help us understand the Disease of More?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:9.
How does Jesus becoming "poor" so that we might become "rich" reshape how we think about possessions, security, and generosity—especially at Christmas?

APPLICATION

- The Disease of More can show up as wanting more comfort, more security, or more control.
- Which of those shows up most in your life right now? Why do you think that is?
- Generosity is one of the primary ways Jesus frees us from the Disease of More.
- When have you experienced generosity—either giving or receiving—loosening the grip money or possessions had on your heart?
- Who in your life right now might experience the blessing of your "more" this Christmas (a friend, neighbor, coworker, family member, etc.)?
- What is one simple act of generosity you could take this week? What feels difficult about generosity for you in this season (fear, past experiences, habits, something else)?