

Questions for eGroup Discussion

Guard Your Heart

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What did you like to collect as a child? How about now?

If you're not careful, what's something that you could easily buy more of than you probably need? If you're up for it ... if you're married, you might want to have your spouse answer this question for you.

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 12:13-21 aloud two times, in a couple different Bible versions, if possible.

As you listen/read, what stands out to you from these verses, or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses?

In his message on these verses, Pastor Alan presented three diagnostic questions we can be asking to discern if greed is at work in our lives:

Where am I looking for life? (verse 15)

Why is this an important question for us to be asking?

Most advertising is dedicated to making us believe the opposite of this verse. What differences in lifestyle might result from believing Jesus vs. believing advertisements? Be specific.

Who owns my stuff? (verses 16-20)

Why is this an important question to answer?

Why does Jesus call this person a fool? (verse 20)

What's the irony in the outcome of this man's story in these verses, and what does this imply?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

Am I rich toward God? (verse 21)

What does it mean to be rich toward God, and what might this look like in a person's life?

Pastor Alan referred to the tithe as a tool to help us grow in this area.

What's the heart behind God's desire for us to tithe? (Malachi 3:10)

How does the principle of tithing help a person grow in being rich toward God?

Why do we sometimes struggle to be rich toward God, or to grow in becoming richer toward God?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

On the following scale – with 0 being “not at all” and 5 being “a big issue” – to what extent is greed an issue in your life? Explain.

In response to this week's message, what are some practical things you can begin doing to become more “rich toward God?”

From this week's message and eGroup discussion, what's one thing you believe the Holy Spirit most wants you to hear and respond to? What's the next step in your following-through on this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying in response to the things people shared above where they'd like to grow in becoming more "rich toward God." Specifically, if there are issues that might interfere with this occurring, where they'd appreciate prayer and/or support.

When you're done, spend time praying for specific needs and concerns for one another this week, as well as your response to any spiritual stirrings that are on your hearts.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

Our next Serve Day is coming up in just a matter of days as we partner together with dozens of others in serving at Weld Project Connect. Weld Project Connect is an annual, one-day event providing numerous on-site services directly to individuals and households struggling and in need due to housing instability, job loss, age, health problems and other issues that can interrupt a life. Residents in need of assistance attend the one-day event to receive numerous services on-site; rather than referrals, in a welcoming and festive environment. Each person or family is greeted by a community volunteer who helps the guest navigate through the available services. The volunteer navigator stays with the guest at the event until they've received all of the services needed. All services provided the day of the event are free. You can either sign up from our church website or from the Weld Project Connect site: www.weldprojectconnect.org.



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