

Surrendered Hearts: Week of July 27

Warm Up

- Have you ever saved up for something big only to realize later it wasn't as satisfying as you expected?
- What's something you tend to hold on to that others might call unnecessary?
- If you suddenly came into a large sum of money what's the first thing you'd do

Dig-In

In Luke 12:15 Jesus says "Watch out Be on your guard against all kinds of greed life does not consist in an abundance of possessions".

- What does Jesus mean by this?
- How does this challenge the way our culture defines success?

Jesus tells the parable of the rich fool who stores up earthly wealth but is not "rich toward God".

- What does it mean to be "rich toward God"?
- How can we tell if we are putting too much security in the things we own?

In verse 20, God says to the man "This very night your life will be demanded from you".

- How does this verse reframe what really matters in life?
- Why do you think it's so easy to live like we have endless time to get things right with God?

In 2 Corinthians 4:11 Paul says "We are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body".

- How does Paul's view of life and purpose differ from that of the rich fool?
- What does it look like for Jesus' life to be revealed through us in our everyday lives?

Jesus ends the parable by saying life is not about storing things up for us.

- What are some ways we can shift our focus from "building our own barns" to investing in God's kingdom?
- What's one practical step you could take this week to live more "rich toward God"?

Wrap Up

- Where might God be inviting you to loosen your grip on something you hold too tightly
- What would it look like for your life to reveal more of Jesus and less of your own pursuit of comfort

Ask

Lord, where am I holding on to things that keep me from living rich toward You? Show me what to release so Your life can be revealed through mine.