

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These discussion questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. You can use them for your personal Bible study, family study, and/or small group study.

Overview

Sermon: *Real Riches*. Bottom line: *Be rich toward God*.

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” - Luke 12:15 (NIV)

There is a reason why there is not a Bigger Barns Church of Christ. With Jesus as the head of the church and we as the bride. He gave himself up for her (us) to present her (us) radiant and spotless. As Jesus' bride, we are to be as generous as Jesus. We share not only the gospel but our very lives. Sharing our lives means sharing our possessions. We don't store up treasures for ourselves, we store up treasures for God.

Jesus tells us to watch out and guard our hearts against greed. This is a daily habit and not a one-time event. Through faith, the way we protect against greed is by giving. Don't store up, give away.

Discussion

1. What's the first thing you would do if you won the lottery or came into a large sum of money? What might you buy? What might you give?
2. Discuss this saying, "Wealth doesn't make you generous it reveals generosity." Do you agree with this statement? What makes it true?
3. Read Luke 12:13-21. Jesus tells a parable in response to someone in the crowd who interrupts his lecture. The person demands that Jesus solve his inheritance issue with his brother. "Give me what I want!" How do you see this mentality in our culture today? Have you ever been this way? Why do you think Jesus chooses not to be an arbiter? What can we learn from this?
4. Jesus says to "watch out!," and "be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Why is this warning so important especially for today? How would you describe our inundation with consumerism?
5. Read Colossians 3:5. How had greed become an idol for the foolish farmer in Luke 12? What's the problem with wealth? How do we remedy the problem with wealth?

Application

6. What defines your life? Your possessions? Would you describe your relationship with God as rich? Are greed and the love of money a barrier to a rich relationship with God? What needs to change?
7. You can't take your possessions with you when you die. When your life is demanded of you what will you have to show for it? How can you choose to begin to store up treasures in heaven?

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