

Sermon Discussion Guide August 3, 2025 Luke 12:13-21

1. Read Luke 12:13-21

2. Understanding Greed:

- o What are some signs that someone might be affected by greed?
- O How can greed manifest differently in those who have a lot versus those who have less?

3. Reflect on Jesus' Teachings:

- Discuss the parable of the rich man as told by Jesus. What mistake did the rich man make in how he viewed his wealth?
- o Jesus said, "life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." What do you think he meant by this?

4. Personal Reflection:

- o Can you identify times in your life when you might have been too focused on money or possessions?
- o What emotions or behaviors indicate to you that money might be occupying too central a place in your heart?

5. Reorienting Focus:

- o How can I or our family ensure that we are "rich toward God" instead of focusing on accumulating wealth?
- o Discuss practical ways to put Christ at the center of our financial decisions and daily lives.

6. Role of Money:

- o What are some constructive ways to use money as a "useful resource," as mentioned in the sermon?
- o How can we balance enjoying God's blessings while not letting them become our central focus?

7. Security and Value:

- What does true security look like according to the sermon? Why can't money provide it?
- Discuss how knowing you are precious in God's sight can help you view money differently.

Closing Prayer:

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures you have stored up for us in heaven that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**