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Guarding Against Greed

Discussion Guide

February 4, 2018

Luke 12:13-21

Questions for Study

**Before discussing these questions, read through Luke 12:13-21 as a group.

1. What is a blind spot? When you're driving, why is it so important to check your blind spots?
2. As we seek to grow in generosity, do you agree that greed can be a blind spot? Share why you answered the way you did.
3. What are some of the specific ways greed can manifest itself? Don't just list the obvious answers; be sure and list some of the subtle ways greed can manifest itself. Work as a group to identify at least 6-8 responses.
4. As a group, read through Luke 12:13-21. Then answer the following questions.
 - What stands out as you read through the parable? Does anything surprise you?
 - What is the big point Jesus is trying to get across? Summarize your answer in 1-2 short sentences.
 - Where does the rich landowner in this story go wrong? How does he exhibit greed?
 - Re-tell this story in 21st century language. What would you say?
5. The "antidote" to greed is being rich toward God (see v. 21). What does it mean to be rich toward God?
6. Look at your responses to the previous question. How can you apply these things in your everyday life? (Get specific!)
7. Review what you've learned from Luke 12:13-21. What is one practical take-away from this passage you can apply to your life this week? How will you apply it?
8. **Challenge:** Memorize Luke 12:15: "Then Jesus said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'"