

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 12:22-34

Ice Breaker: What is the last “large-ish” item you purchased that you haven’t used yet? Why not?

Ice Breaker: Give a high point and a low point for your last week.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 12:22-31:** What is the context of this passage? What did Jesus just teach the crowd about? How does “bigger barns” relate to the theme of this passage: “being anxious”?
2. What two categories does Jesus bring to mind that we tend to worry about? How often do our own worries fall into these two categories?
3. What other categories in our life do we spend time worrying over? Which one seems most important or urgent to you right now? What makes you worry about it? What does it look like when you worry about it (e.i. what are your actions, words, or heart like when you worry)?
4. **Reread Luke 12:23: 1)** What is Jesus saying in this verse? **2)** How does having a right perspective on life shape the way view life, and therefore, worry about life?
5. How do the examples that Jesus gives help us understand the Father’s care for us (raven, flower, grass)? How does each one shape our perspective a little bit more?
6. Jesus calls those who worry “O you of little faith.” What is the “faith” that is lacking? How can we increase our faith in the Lord rather than worry?
7. We see the result of our worry in verse 25. Nothing. Why do we worry so much then? What are we saying about ourselves and about God when we worry instead of trust? Why are our hearts so quick to worry?
8. **Reread Luke 12:30-31:** How is worrying linked with the “nations of the world”? Is that a good thing or a bad thing? What is the remedy to seeking like the world seeks?
9. **Read Luke 12:32-34:** How is Jesus shaping our understanding of life and the Father’s care for us? How is our heart connected to our treasure? How do we make sure our heart ends up where it’s supposed to be?

Application: Spend some time praying for one another to trust in the Lord and release the worry within our hearts and cling to Jesus.