

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 12:13-21

Ice Breaker: What was the best gift you have ever received?

Ice Breaker: What was one way that someone else blessed your family in an unexpected way that you knew was the Lord's doing?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 12:13-21:** Where are we at in the book of Luke? Who is Jesus' audience? What questions kick off Jesus' discussion on treasure and giving?
2. What is Jesus' initial response to the person in the crowd (verse 15)? What does Jesus' response reveal about Jesus' priorities? How was Jesus being used as a "means" rather than seen as the "end"?
3. Where does covetousness tend to reveal itself in our lives? What areas of your life do you notice covetousness the most? How can we use the Lord's means of grace to help reveal when we are coveting (e.i. his word, other people, spouse)?
4. What specific guardrails do you or should you have in place to protect yourself against covetousness? Share with the group a few specific and practical ways we can guard ourselves from the sin of covetousness.
5. **Reread Luke 12:16-21:** Briefly summarize Jesus' parable. If you had to boil the story down to one main point, what would it be?
6. What does it mean that the land produced plentifully? Does the parable give a reason for why it produced much? What might you compare his plentiful field to in your life?
7. What is the man's response to his big yield? What does this reveal about his heart? Why is this a problem for the man? And what is God's response to his plan?
8. How does God's warning about the brevity of life influence how we ought to think about treasure and money?
9. How our souls helped when we gift out of our abundance or our poverty? What does the Lord teach us about himself when we do this? About ourselves? How would you apply this phrase to your life?: "We needed to give because we can't afford not to."
10. How is your life shaped by your giving? What are you proactively doing to keep giving as a priority in your life? Who could you ask to help you if you find it difficult or more tempting for you?

Application: Spend some time praying for one another to flee the temptations of covetousness and greed, and rather be Rich Toward God in all our areas of life.