

July 7 – Small Groups

Luke 12:13-21 “The Healing of ‘More Wanting’”

1. The apostle Paul once said, “The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil.” Do you think this resonates with reality? If not, why? If so, give examples.

Read Luke 12:13-21

3. Who is this parable addressed to? What does this tell us about the applicability of this parable to us?

4. Jesus says, “Take care, be on guard for greed.” (In the original language this means “more wanting”). In what ways is greed hidden from us? What damage does greed cause in our lives?

5. How would you describe the rich man? What does he say, think, and do that makes him a fool in the eyes of God? Where do you see contemporary examples of the same behavior?

The parable invites us to two major shifts in relationship with money. To come to understand that we are not owners but stewards, and that we are treasured by God beyond imagining.

6. How can we practically treat money and possessions as a steward and not an owner? (Changing the question from: How much of my money will I use for God’s purposes to how much of God’s money will I use for my purposes?)

8. How can one be “rich toward God” (vs. 21)? See also 2 Corinthians 8:9

9. How does knowing we are treasured by God lead to the healing of our relationship with money and possessions?