



LifeGroup Discussion Questions

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Summary

When we plan to be rich toward God we experience the satisfaction of God's provisions.

Scripture

The Parable of the Rich Fool

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'"

"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

Do Not Worry

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field,

which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. —Luke 12:13-34 (NIV)

Let's Start

What is something you're in the midst of planning (vacation, job change, house project, school change, a celebration)? How's it going?

Gratitude and Prayer

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to pray for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

Let's Talk

1. Do you find your plans distract you from God's plans? How so?
2. Referring to the chart Pastor Kyle shared (below), can you think of some of "My Plans" and "God's Plans" from your own life and how they turned out?

My Plans:

Seek autonomy.
Are temporal.
Focus on me.

God's Plans:

Seek dependence.
Are eternal.
Focus on we.

3. In the Parable of the Rich Fool, we see the line, "Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry" (v. 19). How common is that attitude today? How does that attitude affect one's relationship with God?
4. What lesson from Luke 12:13-34 struck you? What part did you identify with? Are there any parts that made you uncomfortable?
5. When have you experienced the fact that God knows your needs and meets them?
6. Thinking about a recent plan, how do the following questions affect your planning?
Will this increase my dependence on God?
Does this invest in the eternal?
Will this bless others above myself?

Let's Act

Is there a plan of yours that you need to make God's? What steps can you take to change the direction of your plan to God's plan?

Notes
