

Week 2 How Money Makes Us Fools

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Icebreaker: Share a memorable "bulk trash day" experience or a time when you realized you had too much stuff.

Scripture Exploration

- Read Luke 12:13-21. What is the main issue Jesus addresses in this passage?
- How does the parable of the rich fool illustrate the dangers of greed?

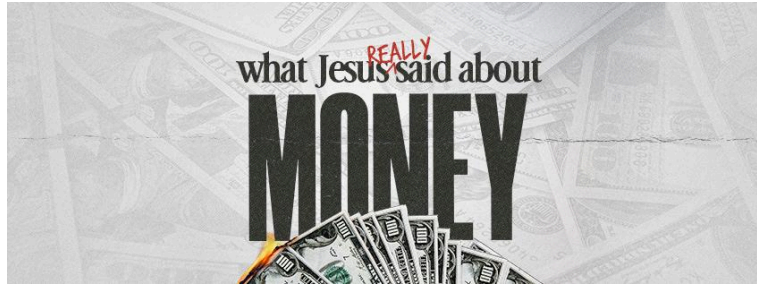
Group Discussion Questions

Reflect - In Luke 12:13–21, Jesus shares the parable of the rich fool—a man who stored up earthly treasures but neglected the condition of his soul. How does this parable challenge your understanding of wealth and possessions in today's society? What warnings or wisdom do you see for your own life in this passage?

Emotional and Spiritual Response - The story of Hayden and the promise from Revelation 7:16–17 ("never again will they hunger or thirst") offers deep hope. How did Hayden's story resonate with you personally? In what ways does this promise comfort or strengthen your faith when life feels uncertain?

Personal Application - We explored the idea of "chasing more" versus being "made for more." How does the pursuit of "more" show up in your own life—whether in finances, status, or comfort? What practical steps can help you shift from accumulating possessions to focusing on eternal values and relationships?

Theological Reflection - The rich fool's mistake wasn't in having wealth—it was in trusting his wealth instead of God. What does this parable teach about idolatry and misplaced trust? How can we guard our hearts against believing that *more* will make us secure or satisfied?



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Personal Reflection

- How does the story of the rich fool challenge your understanding of wealth and success?
- Consider other biblical teachings on wealth, such as 1 Timothy 6:9-10. How do they align with or differ from this passage?
- What does it mean to be "rich toward God" according to Jesus' teaching?

Personal Application

- Identify one area in your life where you might be chasing "more". What steps can you take to shift your focus to being "rich toward God"?
- How can you use your resources to bless others in your community this week?
- Consider the concept of "living with open hands." What practical changes can you make to move from a mindset of ownership to stewardship?
- Plan a specific action you can take to invest in the spiritual or physical needs of others, inspired by the sermon's call to support missions.