

GRACE GROUP GUIDE FALL WEEK #9

November 2nd, 2025 | Luke 12:13-21

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1-MIN OVERVIEW

Luke 12:13-21 is a parable Jesus tells a young man asking Jesus to settle his family's estate. Jesus had been teaching on cosmic realities of fearing God and acknowledging Christ before others so Jesus acknowledges us before angels, when he is interrupted by a man whose brother hasn't given him his share of the money. Jesus warns the man against greed before telling everyone a parable about being rich towards God.



WARM UP

1. Today we'll look at Jesus' view on money. Before we dive in, what are some helpful tips, tricks, and hacks you have for handling finances? Would you consider yourself a nerd or free spirit when it comes to budgeting and spending money?

2. In our Scripture, Jesus speaks directly to the issue of money, generosity, and greed. What are some things to consider when a small group or church studies financial worship (i.e. giving)? How can we remind ourselves God's love doesn't ebb or flow based on how much we give?



KNOW IT

Read Luke 12:13-21 together. Consider reading the paragraph before and after this section as well. Note the context, themes, and author's potential intent in writing this Scripture. Also, have someone look up the definition of a parable and how Jesus uses them in his teaching.

1. This section of Scripture recounts the somewhat infamous parable of the Rich Fool. What prompted this parable? How was the man's request of Jesus reasonable or unreasonable? What is Jesus' disposition toward the brother who interrupted his teaching?

2. Luke 12:15 conveys a warning Jesus gives this man. If this brother's claim is legitimate (i.e. he was due money or land from his older brother), why does Jesus imply his motivation is greed? Can we be motivated both by justice and selfishness? Perhaps give an example of what this can look like.



SHARE IT

1. Luke 12:16-19 sets up the parable. Work together to paint a picture (using only what's in the Bible) of this man and his predicament. Have someone read their study Bible notes to help fill in some gaps or give cultural context. Who is this man? What are his goals in life? How does he handle money? How does he view work and time?

2. Luke 12:20 highlights the fatal mistake the rich fool made. What do you think Jesus is saying his biggest problem was? If you were in this man's shoes, what would it be like to finally have enough to retire and live a life of ease only for life to end that night? If someone who's not a follower of Jesus heard this parable, how could it affect their view of God, money, and death?



LIVE IT

1. Jesus finishes his teaching on greed with Luke 12:21. What sort of lesson should this younger brother take away from the parable? What does it mean to be "rich towards God"? If this man had a windfall harvest of 3x, 5x, or 10x his normal crop (we don't for certain how many years is "many years"), how much do you think God wanted him to be generous with?

2. Take a moment to add up the times the rich fool references himself while talking to himself. What, or who, seems to be missing from his conversations about the future? Why do you think Jesus makes no mention of wife, kids, parents, etc? How does greed perhaps play a role in this? Take a moment and perhaps ask yourself if this is the future you want for yourself. If not, what could you do to change that? How can the generosity of God in the Gospel of Jesus change your future, both here in this world and the world to come?