

Stewardship

Kingdom value or skill you hope to see developed: Giving God control of possessions

Who this is for: everyone

Desired impact on disciples: detachment from wealth

Desired impact on campus/home/others:

Hear the word

Luke 12:13-21

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."

- What does this parable teach us about possessions and money?
- What does it mean to be rich toward God?
- What do you think God wants you to do with wealth?

Respond actively

Think about how you spend your money and time. What can you change that would be more honoring to God? Talk about this with the group.

Debrief and Interpret

- How did you feel talking about money?
- Did you make any changes to the way you use your resources?
- What did you learn about God? Yourself?