

Winning

Luke 12:13-21,32-34

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Step 1: Reflect on the Text

Why do we do this first? We always want to start with the Bible. The goal is to meditate on the Word and read it with an ear sensitive to the Holy Spirit's promptings. Look for words or phrases that stand out through logic, repetition, layout, etc.

-  Read Luke 12:13-21,32-34. What stood out to you? What did you find interesting and/or important? What was challenging or caused you to have questions?

Step 2: Reflect on the Sermon

INTRODUCTION

- 1 When it comes to winning at life, many people believe "accumulation is the name of the game, and money is how you keep score." How have you seen this attitude operative in your life or in the lives of those around you?
- 2 What was your one big/main takeaway from the service? If someone had arrived as everyone was leaving, and they stopped you in the parking lot and asked, "What was the sermon about?" what would you have said?

WINNING: DON'T BE A FOOL

- 3 In your own words, how would you describe a "fool" based on the parable Jesus told?
- 4 How can money make us selfish and ugly? Have might you be proactive in fighting against the corrosive effects of wealth if you knew you were going to receive a large inheritance?

- 5 Have you ever been guilty of living a self-centered, narcissistic life, instead of living for God and His kingdom? What kinds of activities are helpful to remind you that life is not about you?

WINNING: BE RICH TOWARD GOD

- 6 Ray said, “Human beings were made with a longing for a transcendent purpose.” What is that transcendent purpose? How do you find it?
- 7 How would you know whether Jesus is the center of your life or just a part of your life?

WINNING: JOIN THE FAMILY

- 8 *Experience the generosity of you Father.* Do you believe that you have a heavenly Father who will take care of you? How do you think your relationship with your earthly father has helped or hindered your relationship with God?
- 9 *Experience the generosity of your older brother.* How is the saving work of Jesus illustrated in the passage from Luke 12. In other words, how is Jesus our ultimate older brother?

Step 3: Final Reflections

- † How has your understanding, appreciation, and love for Jesus and the gospel grown as a result of this study?
- ♥ In what areas of faith and practice are you feeling convicted by the Holy Spirit to act as a result of this study?