## Sermon Study | modgniK More Is Less | Luke 12:13-34 October 13, 2019

Dive deeper into this week's message and passages from the Bible. Here are some questions to help you guide your group discussion.

In our society, more is more, but Jesus consistently taught and modeled that the more you're looking for is found in less. The way to become full is to empty yourself. Lay down your pride, rights, and desire to control the outcomes. God doesn't want you to be dependent upon something temporary because His kingdom is forever.

Read Luke 12:13-23. Money makes you more of what you already are. If you are greedy without money, you will be greedier with money. If you are generous without money, you'll be more generous with money. Being generous is the most effective way for the world to see the marked difference Jesus has made in your life.

- The man in the parable invested so much in his life on earth but he failed to invest in his eternity. He had no time for the kingdom of God. Are there ways that you invest more in this life than you do for eternity? If so, how?
- In what ways have you placed your identity in what the world has defined as "success?" When you achieve it, then what?
- How does worrying impact your life and relationships? What would you need to do to stop trying to control your circumstances and hand them over to God completely?

Read Matthew 6:10 and 6:33 and Luke 12:29-34. God knows what you need in your life and He will provide it to you when you need it. If you spend your life pursuing God's kingdom, those things will be provided to you. While the temporary things we pursue on earth come and go, God's kingdom is forever and will not fade away.

- What kinds of temporary needs are on your heart? Is it technology, money, clothes or something else?
- Jesus never invited us to be Christians. He invited us to be part of His kingdom and to pursue the kingdom of God above all else. His kingdom is like an incredible wedding reception, or an amazing buried treasure or like a mustard seed that grows into a huge tree. But it also means that the first is last, to find life we must lose our lives, to be strong we must become weak, to receive we must give. What would it look like to pursue God's kingdom more in your life?
- If you're following Jesus, you're a citizen of the kingdom of God, an ambassador in the world. So, how could you be "transformed" instead of "conformed" to this world?
- Is there anything you're trying too hard to control?
- What are you really worried about right now?
- Where do you want your heart to be?

## **REFLECT**

What is God saying to you through His word? How and when will you respond?

## **DAILY BIBLE READING**

Need a review of what we're reading in Daily Bible Reading? Here's a glance at how we're being challenged this week.

Day One: Luke 12:13-15 | Be on your guard.
Day Two: Luke 12:16-21 | Rich toward God.
Day Three: Luke 12:22-23 | Do not worry.
Day Four: Luke 12:29-34 | A treasure in heaven.
Day Five: Matthew 6:10, 33 | Kingdom come.