

SERMON 2.0

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker

Will you go out and about through town and look at Christmas lights in December?

Scripture

Take a moment and read this weekend's passages from **Matthew 6:19-24** and **Luke 12:13-21**.

Observation

What do you observe within this passage of Scripture? Some basic observation questions are:

- What is the setting? What happened before this? What is confusing, is interesting, is humorous, etc? Where else within the Bible talks about a similar topic? If you were within this passage, what would you be experiencing and noticing? What was the intended message to the audience this passage was written to?
- What is the main message Jesus is stating in both passages? What does He say will protect your hearts from the love of money?
- What was the focus of the rich fool? What is the foolishness within his focus?
- Based on the observations above, what can you apply to your life?

Application

Based on the observations above, what can you apply to your life and your understanding of God?

What has been the way you have viewed money, financial gain, or the addition of resources? Where did this viewpoint originate from or how did you come to this perspective?

What happens when a specific subject gets laser like focus? What are good things to give your focus to in your life? What happens to these good things when we give our focus to financial gain?

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10. What are the truths about possessions and the dangers of desiring money? How does the love of money turn into a challenge to the heart and soul?

- How can we determine if we have a love of money?

Why is there a temptation to Live — Save — Give? What are your fears to living a Give — Save — Live life? How can this build your faith in God?

What are ways you can be kingdom minded in generosity? What are the hurdles you see in your life that make it difficult to being generous? What do you need to do to remove these hurdles?

What was your big takeaway from this weekend's passage and message?

Prayer

Take time this evening to pray for these topics:

- Pray for your group to have an open heart to generosity. Pray for the Holy Spirit to show opportunities, convict where changes need to be, and to grow your faith in this area.
- Pray for your group and our church to have wisdom in the area of stewarding financial resources. Pray that we may have a focus on what God is directing us toward.
- Pray specifically for the Christmas Missions offering and the Beyond Today project at Gracepoint. Pray for souls to be impacted by the gospel through giving to these initiatives.