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## Community Group Material:

*Bible Reading: Luke 12:22-34*

### Community Group Material for week of May 24th, 2026

*Luke: Kingdom Seekers: Graspers or Givers?*

Ask one person to pray at the beginning of your meeting.

#### Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

**Bible Reading:** Luke 12:22-34

#### Sermon Summary:

Immediately after speaking the parable of the rich fool who is only concerned with accumulating wealth for himself, Jesus turns to his disciples & says, "You do realize that if your life is all about gathering more & more stuff that you don't need, that the anxiety that accompanies that mindset will crush you, right?" What a word for us as we live out our discipleship swimming in the waters of Western affluence & the seeming unquenchable thirst to have more & more. Jesus gives us three antidotes to the mind virus that has us all under its influence: Trust God as your good Father to give you what you need, seek his kingdom & he promises to provide what you need, & to sell your

possessions & give to those who are truly in need. These words challenge us. But we should always recognise that the one who spoke them is the same one who gives us the way to carry them out.

### Discussion:

1. How would you see Lk. 12:22-34 as being a direct application of Lk. 4:18?
2. Read Macrina Weidekehr's quote, "*We struggle with the temptation to hoard & stockpile, to build bigger houses, to create exclusive neighborhoods. Hoarding ordinarily comes from insecurity. **Our affluent society appears to be imprisoned by a paralyzing fear that there won't be enough . Actually, the 'enough' question haunts us all ...Do I have enough food, enough stylish clothes, enough status & power, enough influential friends, enough gadgets that will make my life easier, enough possessions to be accepted by my popular peers? It is easy to become obsessed with accumulating things that add nothing to my heart's dearest desire .***" How have you fallen into the trap of accumulating things at the expense of your heart's desire?
3. Why is it important to see that Jesus addresses those who 'have' & not those who do not 'have' in these verses? What are the dangers of getting that wrong? What can we do for anyone in our group who may be 'in need' at this time?
4. Jesus warns his followers not to be grasping like those who don't know him do. Why is this thought helpful to you? What changes can you make to avoid this pattern?
5. Jesus has a number of solutions or antidotes to our greed & its accompanying anxiety: Trust God as your good Father & Seek his kingdom. What do these look like for you?
6. The third solution is very practical. Sell & give! Wow, sell what you have control over & either give the proceeds to those in need, or give things you have that you don't need to those who don't have. Of course, we are not told to give beyond our means. But what might Jesus' words mean for you, & how do they challenge you?

### End with Prayer.

- Pray for intentionality as we aim to sit at Jesus' feet.
- Pray for one another's concerns.