

Dr. Jeff Bucknam | Luke 12:13-34

Ice Breaker:

What have you been taught in the past regarding finances?

Understanding the Context:

Read Leviticus 19:9-10. What does this passage show about God's heart for money and what should we do with it?

In the passage following this week's text, Jesus gives a new way to think about money. Read Luke 12:22-31. How is Jesus showing a different way to think about finances than the rich fool?

Connecting to the Gospel:

Jesus commands His followers to "seek His Kingdom" (v. 31). What does it mean to seek God's Kingdom in daily life?

Jesus says, "Your Father knows that you need them" (v. 30). How does knowing God as Father change the way we approach our needs and how we approach the needs of others? Living out the Truth:

What are some specific ways you can grow in your discipleship when it comes to finances? What are some things holding you back from living radically in this way?

Accountability - Break out time with smaller groups (men and women):

What materials/finances have you been holding on to? What would it look like to give it away?

Parenting Moment (for families):

Take a moment with your children and ask them what they think about money. After listening to their response, ask them what they believe God thinks about money. Remind them that money isn't just for buying the things we want...it comes from God and is meant to be given back to Him. Encourage them to think about how they can use what they have to give to God, whether by helping those in need, supporting the church, or other acts of generosity.