



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

LIFE STORY

THE STORY OF THE
SHORT-SIGHTED FARMER

Luke 12:13-21

Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)

13Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

14But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?"

15And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

16And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully,

17and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?'

18And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.

19And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry."'

20But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?'

21So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you notice in this story?

What details stand out to you?

What does the man who started the conversation want from Jesus?

What does Jesus say to be on guard against?

What is covetousness?

Is there anything that you notice in the rich man's solution for his large harvest (vv. 18-19)?

What is the conclusion of the parable

- READ Luke 12:21



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Why do you think the Holy Spirit intended this story to be in Scripture?

"...one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

>>> What do you think this means?

Do you think the rich man was thinking of anything else in his solution for his barns being too small? What does that say about his character?

Why do you think God calls this man a "Fool"? Does this seem fair?





WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT ME?

Can you identify ways that you are selfish or covetous for what others have?

How do you take comfort in the world?

What do you think of the span of your life? Do you think about how your life is being invested?

WHAT CAN I DO THIS WEEK?

How can you think less of yourself this week?

How can you adjust some of the ways you are taking comfort in the world?

Can you invest your life in better directions? What do you think would help you be rich towards God?

Take time this week to read Luke 12:22-34. Jesus speaks to his disciples about their worries and what they put their hope in. Allow his words to shape your response in being rich towards God.

PRAYER

How can the group be in prayer for your needs or concerns this week?

Is there anything that you would like to thank God for from the previous week?