



CONVERSATION STARTER

What is something you once believed would make life noticeably better, but didn't meet your expectation?

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Read Luke 12:13-24

Jesus warns that our lives do not consist in the abundance of our possessions. The rich fool's problem was not simply that he possessed wealth, but that he looked to it for security, comfort, and meaning.

1. Covetousness can be difficult to recognize in ourselves. What are some subtle signs that a possession, financial goal, or desired lifestyle is gaining too much influence over someone's heart?
2. Throughout the parable, the rich man speaks only about himself—what I will do with my crops and my barns. How might gratitude toward God and concern for others have changed the way he viewed his abundance?
3. Jesus contrasts laying up treasure for ourselves with being “rich toward God.” What do you think a life that is rich toward God looks like in its priorities, relationships, and use of resources?

Jesus moves directly from a warning about greed to teaching about anxiety. Both can grow from believing that our security rests primarily on what we can acquire, preserve, or control.

4. How can covetousness and anxiety grow from the same underlying struggle? In what ways might both reveal difficulty trusting God?
5. Jesus tells his disciples to consider the ravens and the lilies. What do these examples reveal about God's character—and about our value to him?
6. Jesus says, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” How does seeing God as a generous Father change the way we respond to uncertainty or unmet needs?

7. What might it look like for you to “seek his kingdom” in one practical area where you are currently tempted to seek comfort, control, or security elsewhere?

Jesus does not merely command generosity—he embodies it. Though he was rich, he became poor for our sake so that we could receive eternal riches through him.

8. How does Christ’s generosity toward us transform Christian giving from an obligation into a joyful response to grace?
9. Take a few minutes to each think through the following questions and share with the group what comes to mind:
- What occupies most of my thoughts and desires?
 - Where am I most tempted to find security apart from God?
 - What could I give, share, or simplify?
 - What specific kingdom priority could I pursue this week?

NOTES

PRAYER

Read Proverbs 30:7-9 together.

Ask God to give you contentment, freedom from both covetousness and anxiety, greater trust in his fatherly care, and hearts that treasure Christ above everything else.