



Life Group Discussion Guide

The Practices of Grace

Giving – Luke 12:15-21

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Main thought:

Jesus has very strong words against storing up riches and possessions for ourselves and not being rich toward God. This is why the practice of giving is vital for protecting our heart and in helping us growing spiritually by God's grace.

Notes

Growing in the practice of giving

Spontaneous

Planned

Surplus

Priority

Sporadic

Percentage

Sparse

Progressive

Why prioritize giving?

1. It is literally putting God First (first fruits).
2. It allows you to Pre-Decide how much you will give.
3. It increases your Faith and Grows you spiritually.

Principles for the practice of giving

1. Don't give to get
2. Don't give to tell
3. Don't give to compare
4. Give to grow
5. Give to let go
6. Give to keep God at the center

Welcome and Fellowship Time

Open in Prayer

- Focus this time on God's generous character and how he has shown that with those in the group.

Ice-Breaker

- Share a time you were blessed by someone else's generosity toward you or others. This could be in a big or small way.



Verse of the week

- What is a verse or truth from God's Word that has stood out to you this week from your own personal Bible reading?

Application and discussion questions

Read or recap Luke 12:15-21, and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage or message?
- What is Jesus warning against and teaching in this parable? Why?
- Is it wrong to plan, store, and think about the future with our money and resources? If not, what's wrong with the man in this parable? What principles and practice do we need to hear in parable?
- Why is it uncomfortable to talk about giving in the church? Should we avoid talking about it? Why or why not?
- Has there been someone in your life who has taught or modeled for you the importance and value in the Biblical practice of giving? What advantage or disadvantage has this had for you?
- What role should you and the church have in modeling and teaching the next generation about the practice of giving?
- What principle or practice did you most need to hear and apply from the message on Sunday?

Prayer

- Pray that we might find delight in the practices of grace.
- Pray for wisdom that we might be faithful in our practice of giving because it moves us closer to Godliness.