

Sermon Questions

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Series: Rich or Poor

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Speaker: James Allison

Title: Retirement Planning

****** These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes, ideas and questions from what was said.******

What do you think?

- Read through the story in Luke 12
- Talk through any general thoughts that stood out to you from the sermon and or the passage.
- Verse 15 says “A mans life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions;” However, as James said, there is something that drives us emotionally that says, “When I have enough stuff, I’ll seem myself and have others see me as ‘successful.’” Talk with each other about how you measure your life.

What are you feeling?

- In your life and finances, how do you feel about James saying that what we do now in our finances will dictate what we do in the future with our finances?
 - “It’s not a wealth issue, it’s a heart issue, it’s a value issue.” How do you feel about your value system?
- To lay it out as bluntly as Jesus did, do you feel like a fool?
- What part do you feel greed plays in your life or has played in the past.

What will you do?

- James laid out a lot of tangible applications:
 - “We need to be generous to God because Generosity breaks the power of greed”
 - “Give first; Pay God first”
 - “It’s not the percent that matters, it’s the heart behind the percent”
 - “Is your giving sacrificial?”
 - “Our extra is not for us, it’s for God”
 - “God’s not after our money, he is after our heart. He wants to own our hearts”
 - “Pay Him first, pay yourself second”
- Based on the discussion of your heart, how do you think God is asking you to respond.