

Luke *Following Jesus*

5. Perspectives on Life *Luke 12.13-34*

Aim: To consider our attitude towards our possessions, security and future inheritance and to think about seeking after God's kingdom.

To start with:

EITHER: If you inherited a million pounds from a distant relative what would you do with it?

OR: On a scale of 1-10 how much do you worry about the following:

- Public speaking
- Work deadlines
- Health (yours or others)
- Finances
- The future

Engaging with the text:

Read Luke 12.13-19.

1. a. What effects is wealth seen to have in this passage?
- b. How far do you think those are common effects and what other negative effects do you think wealth can have?

2. a. Verses 20-21 present a different perspective on wealth - how would you summarise it?
- b. What does it mean to have an attitude of 'richness towards God' and not to lay up treasures for ourselves? Why do you think we so often struggle to have this eternal perspective?

Read Luke 12.22-28.

3. a. Since God promises to both feed and clothe us why do you think we so often worry about things?
- b. What areas in your life do you tend to find it hard to trust God with?

Read Luke 12.29-31.

4. Jesus calls us to seek after his kingdom instead of worrying. What do you understand that to mean? What do you think it looks like for us today?
5. Verses 32-34 tell us about how to invest in our future inheritance. What strikes you?
6. How can we encourage one another or take steps to live with an eternal perspective and store up treasure of future worth rather than be anxious and put our security in what we own or earn?

Pray:

Take some time in small groups or pairs to pray about those things people are currently anxious about - and how we can handle our finances with an eternal view.