



# DISCIPLE GROUP CURRICULUM CURRICULUM GUIDE WEEK 3 - MAY 4 & 7

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## LEADER INFO:

**PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE EACH WEEK.** You should be receiving an email reminder at the time of your group. If you are not please email [disciplegroups@coe22.com](mailto:disciplegroups@coe22.com).

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## GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Baptism Classes** – sign up at [coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism). Classes will be available after every service at all campuses beginning May 4 through June 4.
  - **Serve at Beach Baptism** – come celebrate life change on June 11 at Hanna Park. We would love for you to come serve as a disciple group. Sign up at [coe22.com/baptism](http://coe22.com/baptism).
  - **We're Hiring** – Full-time ministry is more than a job; it's a calling. If you or someone you know feels called to join our team, we're currently looking for Child-care team positions, an HR Manager, and a Junior Accountant. Check out the [coe22.com/staffing](http://coe22.com/staffing) page for more information.
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**TEXTS: LUKE 12:13-31, LUKE 16:19-31, 2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18**

## THE RECAP: (10 MINUTES)

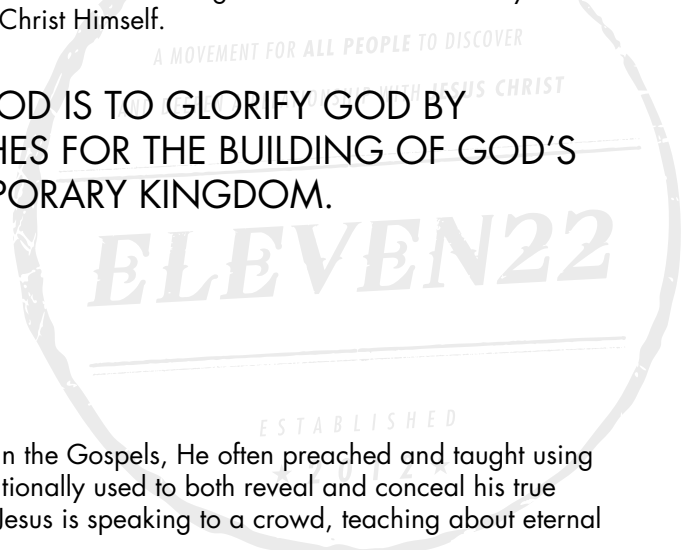
In week 3 of The Storyteller series Pastor Joby taught on the comparison of eternal perspective vs temporary from the teachings of Jesus in Luke 12 and 16. Trusting in money results in anxiety and trusting in God results in contentment. This contentment makes us realize that our earthly security is not the point, but rather we get to be a part of leveraging what we have to expand the eternal Kingdom of God. Our security is not found in rotting and rusting treasure but our Treasure is Christ Himself.

**THE POINT:** TO BE RICH TOWARD GOD IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY LEVERAGING YOUR TEMPORARY RICHES FOR THE BUILDING OF GOD'S ETERNAL KINGDOM NOT YOUR TEMPORARY KINGDOM.

## TEACHING & DIALOGUE

*Have someone read Luke 12:13-31 out loud.*

Remember that during Jesus' earthly ministry, recorded in the Gospels, He often preached and taught using parables. Parables are illustrative stories that Jesus intentionally used to both reveal and conceal his true message, the Gospel. At this point in the book of Luke, Jesus is speaking to a crowd, teaching about eternal



salvation. A man interjects and asks a specific question regarding his inheritance and money. In the parable that follows, Jesus tells us about a rich man who is blessed with an abundance of goods and resources, and yet fails to see beyond his own temporary desires.

1. What does Jesus reveal about God's character in this passage?

*(He is the Creator and Provider. He is Sovereign. He is a good Father who provides for His creation and His children. Both the gifts and the Giver are good.)*

2. Why does Jesus call the rich man a fool in verse 20?

*(The man fails to understand that the resources he was given were not ultimately his. He thinks he is the center of his blessing. The blessing of the plentiful crops was a good provision from God, but what the man does with that blessing reveals his heart of selfishness. He was deceived in thinking his abundance would provide safety and satisfaction. True safety only comes from Christ's death on the cross and ultimate satisfaction only comes from knowing God and making Him known to others. The rich man lacks an eternal perspective.)*

3. Verse 31 says, "Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you." What would it look like for you to live focused on eternity, instead of the temporary?

*(To focus on eternity is to be concerned with the things that God is concerned with: pursuing a deeper relationship with Him, and loving and serving others well. When we focus on the temporary, our own circumstances take center stage, but when we focus on eternity, we become less concerned with our own story and more concerned with HIS story.)*

**Have someone read Luke 16:19-31 out loud.**

When we come to this passage in Luke, Jesus has just taught on the parable of the dishonest manager. His main audience in this passage were the Pharisees, who were the 'religious' leaders of the day and were lovers of money (verse 14). Jesus contrasts the excessive riches of the man in this parable with a destitute poor man named Lazarus. Jesus tells of what each man's life looked like on earth and then how each man spent eternity. The point of both of these two passages in Luke is not about either of the rich men or Lazarus, nor is the point of the story money. Rather, Jesus' stories in both instances are about revealing people's true hearts. There is no such thing as a divided heart. One cannot serve two masters: you will either follow Jesus or something else.

4. What does Jesus teach/reveal about eternity in this parable?

*(Eternal life is an impending reality (verses 23-24) and permanent (verse 26). What you love and live for in this life will dictate how you spend eternity.)*

5. When we stand before the cross of Christ, we see that none of us are worthy; we all have sinned and fall short. None of us are deserving of grace, it is a free gift from God. How does having much in this life temporarily skew your view of your need for a Savior?

*(Like the rich man, when one has much, there is little need for a savior to step in. There is much danger in this. The problem with comfort is that it numbs us to our reality: we desperately need Jesus to intervene on our behalf.)*

**Have someone read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 out loud.**

The things of the world that we can see with our eyes and touch with our hands are temporary, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

6. What if the purpose of your life isn't about obtaining and possessing things for your own enjoyment and happiness, but rather about having a personal relationship with God and making the gospel of Jesus Christ known to others? How should this truth affect your view of money and material things?

*(The Gospel reveals the true value of our lives and gives us our identity and purpose. Those things can't be defined by temporary external sources in the world. However much you have been given, (wealth, resources, time, influence) followers of Jesus are called to use the gifts we've been given for the kingdom of God. This doesn't mean that we have no earthly possessions or that we deprive ourselves of joy, but rather that the posture of our heart is that Jesus is #1. Eternity > Temporary.)*

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# DISCIPLESHIP JOURNEY ACTION STEP



- CULTIVATE MINISTRY
- PUT DOWN ROOTS
- PLANT THE GOSPEL
- SOW GOSPEL SEED



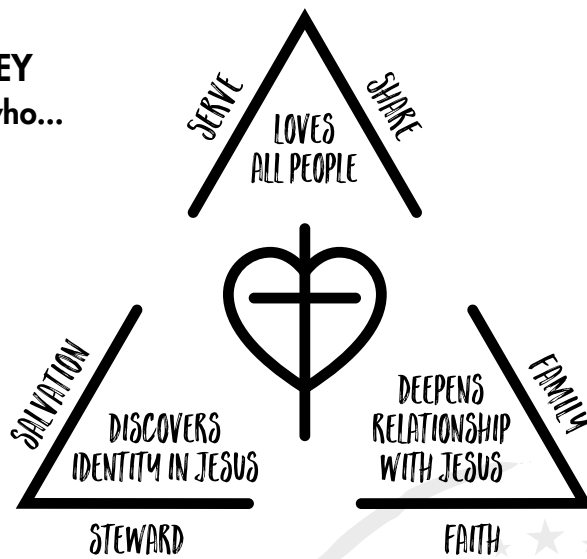
BEFORE ALL THINGS

Use the riches God has given you to invest in the Kingdom of God today. Check out the church's Before All Things generosity initiatives at [coe22.com/beforeallthings](http://coe22.com/beforeallthings) to learn more about why and how to give.

*\*\*To those in your group who have committed to giving towards the two year Before All Things discipleship journey ask them how their commitment is going.*

*\*\*To those who have not committed to give encourage them to learn more by going to [coe22.com/beforeallthings](http://coe22.com/beforeallthings). The goal is 100% participation church-wide. It is less about the amount committed and more about the heart behind it.*

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