

STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE: “Assumptions” (Luke 12:13-34)

Discussion Starters

1. Materially, what is your “treasure”?
2. What do you worry about most?

Study: Read Luke 12:13-34 in preparation for the following questions.

3. What is the background of the parable?
4. What is the primary point of the parable? (Sum it up in one brief sentence.)
5. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

--“reasoning” (Luke 12:17)—

--“soul” (Luke 12:19)—

--“fool” (Luke 12:20)—

--“do not worry” (Luke 12:22)— (NOTE: For extra credit, pay attention to the tense and note the significance)—

--“life” (Luke 12:22)—

--“consider” (Luke 12:24)—

--“keep worrying” (Luke 12:29)—

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6. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

7. What is the answer to worrying according to this passage?

8. According to this passage, what is one way to seek his kingdom (think "context")?

Taking It Home (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

9. What do you worry about, and how can you stop worrying about it (be specific)?

10. Are we commanded to sell our possessions and give to the poor? Explain why or why not from scripture.

11. According to this passage, how can you focus your heart on the Lord? What does that look like in your life specifically?