

## **Discovery Community Church – Small Group Discussion Guide**

**Habits – 1/14/24**

**Luke 12:13-21**

### **INTRODUCTION**

- In what area of your life is materialism most likely to surface?
- In what area of your life is it hardest to be generous with what God has given you?

### **DISCUSSION**

*Have a volunteer read Luke 12:13-21.*

- Why do you think Jesus said that we must be on guard against greed?
- Has greed ever snuck up on you? If so, how? Why is that an easy thing to have happen?
- Look at verses 17-19. How many first-person pronouns does the man use in these verses? What does that reveal about his perspective and priorities?
- Is it possible to pray in such a way that you are really just talking to yourself? Why might praying that way be detrimental to our spiritual health?
- Why were the rich man's actions in the story so foolish? Does that mean we should never save for the future? Why or why not?
- How have you observed the desire for wealth or the acquisition of material things causing division in families or communities, or in the Church?
- What happens when we switch our priorities and give our attention to possessions and not to God's kingdom?
- Why are we often poor judges of our own hearts? How might seeking out brothers or sisters who will be honest with us help us take steps toward honoring God with our resources?

*Have a volunteer read 1 Timothy 6:17-19*

- How does this passage suggest the way we use our money might have eternal implications?
- How can we make sure we are not judging the quality of our lives by the possessions we have, or putting our hope in uncertain things?
- How should we use our money if we hope to "lay up treasure . . . for the coming age" (vv. 18-19)?

### **APPLICATION**

- Name some personal adjustments or sacrifices involved in pursuing God's kingdom. Is there an adjustment you need to make? If so, how can you start?
- How can your group be praying for you?