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disciple:

// someone who follows Jesus and leads others to do the same.

Studying God's Word is one of the best ways to grow your relationship with God, be tuned to the Holy Spirit, and get to know Jesus intimately. John 1 tells us that the Word is God, the writer of Psalms tells us it will light our path, and Jesus tells us in John 8 if we abide in His Word, we are truly His disciples.

This tool is just one of the many ways to study the Bible and dive deeper into the passages we will be studying each weekend together. Our hope is that you begin to deeply understand the scripture we will be unpacking and allow God to speak to your heart before you even walk through the doors on Sunday.

This tool is designed to help guide you as you seek to understand the context of each verse, what it meant to its original audience, and what it means to us today.

There are a few ways you can utilize this PDF.

01

Print the PDF.

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02

Download the PDF, open in a notes app (GoodNotes, Notability, etc), fill it out digitally.

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03

Use the PDF to transcribe into a notebook or journal.

5 Marks of a Disciple

- Know Jesus Intimately
- Follow the Holy Spirit Relentlessly
- Obey God's Word Completely
- Love His Church Wholeheartedly
- Seek the Lost Intentionally



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Week of August 20th // Conversation: August 27th

The Parable of the Rich Man

Today, we're going to look at some very important teachings about money, possessions, and being rich (both in terms of a rich relationship with God and rich in possessions).

pray.

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01 Put a  sign over every mention of the rich man.

02 Put a  over every mention of God.

03 Underline all of the instructions you see in verses 29-33.



Luke 11:5-13 (NLT)

¹³ Then someone called from the crowd, “Teacher, please tell my brother to divide our father’s estate with me.”¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Friend, who made me a judge over you to decide such things as that?” ¹⁵ Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.”

¹⁶ Then he told them a story:

“A rich man had a fertile farm that produced fine crops. ¹⁷ He said to himself, ‘What should I do? I don’t have room for all my crops.’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I know! I’ll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I’ll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. ¹⁹ And I’ll sit back and say to myself, “My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!”

²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! You will die this very night. Then who will get everything you worked for?’ ²¹ “Yes, a person is a fool to store up earthly wealth but not have a rich relationship with God.”

²² Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. ²⁴ Look

at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! ²⁵ Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? ²⁶ And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things?

²⁷ "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. ²⁸ And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

²⁹ "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. ³⁰ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. ³¹ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need.

³² "So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.

³³ "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. ³⁴ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.



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01

In verse 15, how did Jesus respond to the man in the crowd who wanted his brother to divide his father's estate with him?

02

What was the rich man's problem in verse 21? What was he rich and poor in?



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03 What are treasures in Heaven like according to verse 33? Are they permanent? Do they ever wear out?

04 What does Jesus say about our heart and our treasure in verse 34? Where is your heart today?

apply.

- 01** What kind of worries do you have about clothing, food, and material possessions right now? Are there bills you can't pay? Do you struggle with providing for your family? These needs are very real and yet what does God say about them all in verses 29-31?
- 02** Are you seeking God's kingdom above all else? If not, talk to God about it and ask Him to change your heart's focus.
- 03** Does this section of Scripture mean that we shouldn't save for retirement or plan ahead for the future? What do you think?

bring it together.

In the parable of the rich man, Jesus explained that this man wanted to build bigger and bigger barns to store all of his grain and goods. This man's attitude was that he would have an easy life because he had everything he could ever want or need. God called that man a fool because when he died that night, his goods could do nothing for him. Such a person may have been rich in the world's eyes but he was poor in his relationship with God.

Jesus then goes on to encourage His followers to seek the kingdom of God above all else. Life is more than what we eat and drink or the clothes we wear. These are very real needs, and God is aware of them. He will provide for us if we seek Him first above all else. We are more valuable than ravens and lilies of the field!

Worrying and having anxiety about our lives is fruitless. We can't add more time to our day by fretting over things. It doesn't get us anywhere, yet we can be filled with heavy cares, can't we? Let's go to this section in Scripture when we find ourselves burdened with the cares of this world and remind ourselves that God provides for all of His creation, including us!

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