



### Home Group study: week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023

**TITLE: Parables – stories to live by: The Rich Fool**

**PASSAGE: Luke 12:13-21**

#### **Leaders Notes:**

- *Please use these questions as conversation starters to aid discussions. Please don't feel obligated to go through all the questions.*
- *After the reading I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?'*

#### **Introduction**

A parable is a fictitious story told by Jesus to help people understand important messages regarding aspects of faith.

#### **Ice breaker**

Before you read the scripture: The parable is prompted by two siblings that are in disagreement, spend some talk talking about the kinds of squabbles you had growing up with your brothers and sisters. Did any of them involve the line "It's not fair?"

#### **Read scripture Luke 12: 13-21**

#### **Discussion starters**

1. In verse 13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "*Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.*" But Jesus doesn't answer the question but instead replies verse 14, "*Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?*" Why does Jesus respond like this?
2. In the parable God calls the rich man a fool! Why?
3. Read verse 21 again What does rich towards God mean?
4. After Jesus had spoken and sent his warning, what reaction might the man have had towards his brother's inheritance? (you have licence to be imaginative)
5. Greed can manifest itself in different ways, Discuss the following: *Hoarding, Comparison, Entitlement and Overspending*
6. Read [Colossians 3:5 NIV](#) How does greed become an idol?

7. Read **1 Timothy 6:9-10** What is the Apostle Paul saying about the Love of Money?
8. Is it wrong for Christians to be very wealthy? Read **Mark 10:25**
9. Someone once said ***You can't take it with you, but you can send it ahead.*** What does this mean, and do you agree with this statement? Read **Matthew 16 19-21**
10. John Wesley once said ***Make as much as you can and give as much as you can.*** Do you agree with this statement? How is it similar to the previous statement?

### **Pray**

- Be thankful for all what God has given us
- Pray for contentment and gratitude
- Pray for the strength to resist idols such as greed
- Pray for a healthy attitude to our money and possessions.
- Pray for a spirit of generosity towards others