

· The Rich Fool - Luke 12:13-21

Ideas for an intro

- I really like stuff...always have. I like technology, clothing...something simple as a g2 pen, I have always liked quality things, new things and MANY things. On mission trips I get reminded I have a lot. It's easy to forget all that I have. I forget that in many other countries, huge groups of people have to share Bibles. Things like Christian music, projectors, handouts are luxuries...rare in many places. I forget that there are many youth groups & ministries locally that don't have much at all. So, why is it that I often want what others have? Why do I compare what I have with what others have? Today, Jesus addresses the topic of greed, envy & coveting.

A Biblical Passage to focus on

1. Read Luke 12:13-21

A short devotional based on that Biblical passage

1. A person in a crowd has a request for Jesus, what is it? (v. 13)
2. How does Jesus respond to this request? (v. 14-15)
3. Jesus tells a parable of a man. What are some things we are told about this man? (v. 16)
4. What is the 'issue' that this man has? (v. 17)
5. What solution does this man come up with? (v. 18-19)
6. How does God respond to this? (v. 20-21)

Brainstorming questions for you and your team

1. Was there anything wrong with the original request that was asked of Jesus? (v. 13) Why or why not? When was the last time you had that attitude? Your Team? Your Ministry/Club?
2. Look at all that you have. What could you 'cut loose'? For yourself? Your team? Your Club/Ministry? Who could you give those supplies/resources/items away to? Who might better benefit from them?
3. There can be a temptation to just 'take it easy'. Where might be some places in your life where you have just 'settled'? Where might your team be 'settling'? Where might your Ministry/Club be 'settling'?

Application Concepts

1. List/Collect everything you have an abundance of/don't need.
2. List places/people/ministries/clubs who could make use of these items
3. Bless others by giving these things away.
4. Take inventory of your own life/club/ministry/team. Where might you be spending too much time in a 'party' mode? Where might you need to spend a little more focus? Make some time to plan out how to better develop your relationship with God in your life/team/ministry/club.

This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another

1. Take something that you have extra of & pass it on...something you can totally do with out & give it away.
2. Take the time that you are pouring into something 'temporary' (T.V., Video Games, Netflix, Internet) and invest that time this week into your relationship with God & other persons.