

# GOSPEL OF LUKE WEEK 8

## FLOURISHING GRACE SMALL GROUP CODE

### **Engagement:**

Each person will get out of their small group what they put into the group. Make sure everyone in the group gets a chance to engage. If you tend to talk more than others be sensitive to how much you may dominate the conversation. If you tend to talk less make sure you work to speak up in your group. Your voice is valuable to others in your group and community; growth can't happen without engagement.

### **Confidentiality:**

We long for our groups to be places of authentic community. The only way this happens is through vulnerable conversations in which we share personal parts of our lives and confess our sin together. Anything and everything that is shared in the group must stay in the group.

### **Speech:**

We must fight against gossip, grumbling, and complaining. Our speech should build up our group not burden our group (Ephesians 4:29). We also must keep our conversation focused when our group meets. Groups gather to study the word and connect together please avoid personal rabbit trails or off topic subjects.

### **It takes more than one day and one person:**

Small groups are about relationships. True relationships are not built by one person on one day a week. Step up to help your leader - they can't do it all alone. Everyone in the group should be serving the group - volunteer to host, volunteer to bring a snack, volunteer to give them a week off. Follow up and engage the members of your group during the week: one day a week does not build authentic community.

## **PRAY**

Around the group have each person share one prayer request for the week.

Open a time of prayer inviting one person or the whole group (if they feel comfortable) to pray for the request of the group and for our new elders at Flourishing Grace.

## BACKGROUND

Luke 12:13-34 is one big section of scripture that should be read together but can be broken into three sections. First, the man who ask Jesus the question. Second, the teaching to the crowd through a parable. Then lastly, Jesus turns to his disciples and teaches them further. Each one of these sections has a key verse attached to it; verses, 15, 21, and 24.

## OPEN

First, have a group member read **Luke 12:13-34** aloud.

Has there ever been a moment when you made a purchase with high expectations but ultimately the thing you bought let you down? What was it and how did it not meet your expectations?

## REFLECT

What does Jesus call us to "be on your guard against" in vs 15 and why?

Jesus launches into a parable in verses 16-21. On your own, circle each time the rich man uses the word "I."

What is the rich man trying to satisfy in the parable? What is the thing that he ultimately loses in the end?

In verse 21 Jesus reviles the point of the parable. What is the difference between a rich fool and a rich person who is wise?

Jesus then turns to His disciples and takes the teaching to a deeper level using several examples. He uses illustrations of the ravens, the span of life, and the lilies. Discuss each of these and discover the main point from each illustration. How do these truths free us from fear and anxiety when it comes to money?

In verse 33 what solution does Jesus give for when we can't escape the trap of finding security in money?

## APPLY

After studying this passage, what would you say to a friend who comes to you for advice regarding anxiety around money?

How does growing in our knowledge of how much God loves us and how powerful He is, free us from anxiety?

What do we need to do in order to be "rich towards God?" (vs 21)

What is one step you can take to be free from the lie that money will satisfy your soul?

## **CLOSE**

What is one thing in this passage that stuck out to you personally and why?

**NEXT WEEK'S TEXT: Luke 15**