

Review:

Lesson 1: Joyful & Teachable

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Lesson 4: What Love Looks Like

Stewarding Our Stuff

Luke 12:13-21

If Jesus had a list of possible ways to measure a life, finances or material possessions would not be on it. Values in the kingdom of God simply do not include how _____

Discussion 1. Money/possessions is one way the world tends to measure the value of a life. What are some others? How do you think God measures the value of a life? How has following Christ impacted your perspective on this question?

When it comes to material possessions, how much is too much for a Christ follower? Jesus' answer, it seems, is that it depends less on the amount and more on the _____ of the person, i.e., his/her attitude about those possessions.

Discussion 2. Most of us do not consider ourselves “wealthy” until we find ourselves in a culture or among a people who have much, much less than we do. Has that ever happened to you? Did it change your perspective on your own wealth? Why or why not?

The rights of the individual versus the benefit of the community is often a function of culture; on the other hand, _____ as I love myself is definitively a function of the kingdom of God.

Discussion 3. How does the command to “love your neighbor as yourself” impact or change your perspective on your own material possessions? Do you see a connection between that command and your possessions? Why or why not?

As Christ followers, everything we have belongs to God. When He increases the material things in our life, the only question that matters is, “God, what would you have me do with this?” This is _____.

Discussion 4. What kinds of spiritual disciplines in your life help you keep a “stewardship” perspective on your material possessions? If you could tell the youngest generation of Christ followers one thing about stewardship of their material possessions, what would you tell them?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?