

## 5 | GROUP PRAYER

Rather than going around the group and sharing prayer requests, you might consider simply bowing your heads and taking turns praying for the things on your heart or that the Holy Spirit brings to mind.

# NEXT STEPS AFTER GROUP

## 1 | SCRIPTURE FOCUSED

• Verse to Memorize: \_\_\_\_\_

• Other Passages to Read: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2 | PRAYER FOCUSED

- How can you pray for people in your group this week?
- Is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about something you need to repent of and turn over to Jesus?
- How are you going to respond to this truth and put it into action?

## 3 | OTHERS FOCUSED

- Did anyone in your group share a need that you might be gifted to help with?
- Consider inviting a friend from group to meet up for a meal or a hang out time.
- Is the Holy Spirit bringing someone to mind with whom you can share the things you've learned today?

# GROUPS

## STUDY GUIDE

### Why Would I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

Reading, thinking, and praying about the primary passage your Lighthouse Group is studying ahead of time may be one of the most pivotal ways to make your Lighthouse Group discussions powerful and meaningful. When you do prepare beforehand, you're coming with thoughtful insights and ideas you've been wrestling through. That's different from grabbing at the most accessible thoughts in real time.

### How Do I Prepare BEFORE My Lighthouse Group?

#### 1 | PRAY

Ask God to open your eyes, mind, and spirit to His truth. Your desire is not to "get the right answer," but rather to know Him as He has revealed Himself so that you can trust and rely on Him more fully.

#### 2 | READ

Read the main passage. Consider reading the same passage in multiple versions, like ESV, NIV, AMP, and NLT. All of these can be found at [BibleGateway.com](http://BibleGateway.com). For better context, read the paragraphs before and after the study passage as well.

#### 3 | REFLECT

What does this passage teach you about God? Maybe something to praise Him for? Does this passage reveal an area of your life you should confess as sin to God? What does this passage lead you to ask God for? How does this passage point to Jesus work on the cross and out of the grave?

Think through some of the questions you'll be discussing during your Lighthouse Group time.

#### 4 | WRITE

This is when you cross over from reading into study - writing down truth that you are discovering. Write down questions that come to mind as you are reading.

We've included space on the next page of this guide for you to write down insights, questions, and more that you can bring up in your Lighthouse Group discussion time.

# PREP BEFORE GROUP

PRIMARY PASSAGE: Luke 12:13-21

WRITE YOUR INSIGHTS & QUESTIONS HERE:

ADDITIONAL CROSS-REFERENCES: 1 Chronicles 29:1-20; Matthew 20:1-16; John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 8:1-15, 9:6-15; 1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of: March 10-16

**1 | PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your group in truth and spiritual growth.

**2 | READ** Luke 12:13-21

One volunteer reads the passage in the ESV or NIV. Another volunteer reads the passage in AMP or NLT.

**3 | CONSIDER SITUATIONAL/HISTORICAL CONTEXT**

Here we see someone in the crowd ask Jesus to make his brother divide their father's estate with him. You can almost imagine Jesus' surprise and concern at the small-mindedness of the request. He came to earth as the son of God to save us from our sins and restore us to right relationship with God so that we could have eternal life, and this man was asking him for temporary, earthly riches, missing the whole point.

Yet we also often miss the point, even though we know who Jesus is and why he came. There is a pernicious lie Satan spreads that this world, this life, is all there is. Jesus reveals this lie and calls us to something higher: having a rich relationship with God and being rich toward Him. He became poor to make us rich, and when we truly understand the joy we have because of his generosity, our own generosity will also overflow to others.

**4 | DISCUSSION**

## CONTENT QUESTIONS

1. In verse 15, what warning does Jesus give?
2. In verse 19, what assumption does the rich man make about his life?
3. What does being rich toward God look like?

## TRUTH QUESTIONS

1. What was the rich fool's attitude toward God vs. himself?
2. According to Jesus and all of scripture, what does real life consist of?
3. How much did Jesus sacrifice to give us what we needed?

## APPLICATION/PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What kind of requests do I make of Jesus, and do they reflect the reality of eternity?
2. Do I value what God values and is that reflected in my finances and giving?
3. Challenge: Meditate on all that Jesus has given you and let it fill you with joy that overflows to generosity.