



# FOLLOWING JESUS

## MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 11 – RICH TOWARD GOD

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed Me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then He said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And He told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ <sup>18</sup>Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ <sup>21</sup>This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

– Luke 12:13-21 NIV

### OBSERVATIONS ABOUT A LIFE THAT IS RICH TOWARD GOD

- Keep watch for the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_
- Choose \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- Resist the \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_
- Prioritize \_\_\_\_\_ over \_\_\_\_\_
- Recognize that life is not a \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_
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## **ADDITIONAL NOTES**

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## **DIGGING DEEPER**

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1. What does it mean to be rich toward God?
2. Why does Jesus call the crowd be “on guard against all kinds of greed?” What kinds of greed are there?
3. What is the difference between living to be generous and living to accumulate more?
4. How can someone become more generous?
5. What might it look like if someone prioritized possessions more than people?
6. Share a time that someone prioritized you over their possessions and/or share a time that someone prioritized their possessions over you.
7. Why do so many people live their lives in a way that leads to easy street?
8. Why is this such a foolish way to live one’s life?
9. How can you be wise with your possessions while remaining rich toward God?
10. Pastor Joey said that we should never retire. What did he mean by that?
11. How can you stoke the fire of love for Jesus no matter what age or stage of life you may be?
12. What do you need to do this week to begin living in a way that is rich toward God?