



Greater Than: Greed

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This week we were honored to have Jared Alcántara as a guest preacher from Trinity where he serves as a preaching professor in the Pastoral Theology department. Jared continued our "Greater Than" series and focused the sermon on the topics of greed and wealth.

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

How does your current income and savings compare to those you had at 25 years old? (or some earlier age perhaps) How would you compare your happiness and quality of life at those times?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What is the issue of "barns"? Is this about savings of any type?

In what ways are you like (or dislike) the man in the modern re-telling of the parable of the rich fool?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

What parts of the sermon most moved you, challenged you or caused you to think in new ways?

How does God's promise of eternal life influence our day-to-day attitude towards God and our possessions? What does Jesus mean when he says, "rich toward God" in Luke 12:21?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

How do you determine what is enough in your life?

What can a person do to grow in generosity?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (consider the entire book of Ecclesiastes). How do you understand the meaning of the passage? Who is the author and what is their experience of wealth? How does this book help shape your understanding of the value of money? Where is ultimate meaning and lasting joy found?

GRADUATE LEVEL

Luke contains many passages that speak of a "deadline." Consider Luke 12:20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then you will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" Luke speaks of "a time that will come when it's too late." For instance a door will be closed (Luke 14:24-25), an invitation rescinded (Luke 14:24) or a divide created (Luke 16:26). Given these eventualities, how do we best live in light of God's coming return?