



Seeds & Sowers — Week 1 Message-Based Curriculum

Main Passage: Luke 12:11–34

Today's Theme: In this first week of this study on money and generosity, we look at Jesus' teachings about the connection between money and our hearts.

OPENING:

Begin with a brief welcome and prayer.

CONNECT:

- When you hear the church talk about money, what emotion tends to rise first—relief, defensiveness, anxiety, indifference, hope?
- Growing up, what was money mostly associated with in your home? Security, stress, generosity, scarcity, silence, conflict, or opportunity?
- If you won a large sum of money tomorrow, what's one thing you'd buy that might make other people laugh or that they might find surprising?

DISCOVER:

Read Luke 12:13–21 together

- In this passage, the man interrupts Jesus' mission teaching with a dispute over money. Is there any area where you can see money interrupting your attention, peace, or relationship with Jesus?
- What are “bigger barns” in the context of this passage?
 - What are some modern “bigger barns” we’re tempted to believe will finally give us peace?

Read Luke 12:22–32 together

- Jesus repeatedly addresses anxiety before He talks about generosity. Why do you think money is so closely related with fear?
- Jesus says, “*Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*” What's hard for you to believe about God's heart as Father when money feels tight or uncertain?

DEEPER REFLECTION

- At one point, Jason said, “*Fear closes hearts and hands. Faith opens them.*” Where do you notice closed-hand living in your life right now (feel free to expand this beyond money).

APPLY

- How have you seen giving—time, money, energy—*actually* shape your trust in God over time?
- The Giving Pathway (Initial → Consistent → Intentional → Sacrificial → Legacy).
 - Without comparison or pressure, where do you sense you are *right now*—and what might be one faithful next step?

RESPOND (Personal + Prayer)

- Invite a moment of silence and reflection:
 - God, what does the soil of my heart look like right now?
 - Where is fear shaping my decisions more than trust?
 - What is one simple step of obedience You’re inviting me into?

GROUP PRAYER

- **Thank God for His provision and generosity** toward us in Christ
- Pray for **freedom** from fear and anxiety
- Ask for **open hearts** and **open hands**

CLOSE

- Encourage everyone to pray about ways your group could grow in generosity together. Consider sharing them next week.