



“Where Is Your Treasure?”

Luke 12:13-34

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:

A WORD FROM MIKE...

This week we come to the end of our study of discipleship. Over the past three months, we have used the gospel of Luke and UPC's Nine Marks of a Transformed Life to challenge ourselves to grow in spiritual maturity. The Nine Marks describe a mature disciple as someone who:

1. Enjoys God in worship
2. Engages in God's Word (the Bible) through study & prayer
3. Lives by God's promises
4. Applies the gospel of grace in relationships
5. Invests time & energy in a small group of friends
6. Fulfills his/her church membership vows
7. Exercises his/her gifts & passions in all of life
8. Practices Biblical principles of financial stewardship
9. Shares his/her faith in word and deed

This week's study focuses on mark #8 (we did #9 last week).



KNOWING GOD

a) Read Luke 12:13-21. Nowhere does the Bible say that possessions and money are intrinsically evil. So what was the sin of the rich man in this parable?

b) If a person's life does not consist in the abundance of his or her possessions (vs. 15), what does it consist in? (See John 17:3)

c) Read Luke 12:22-34. What solutions to the problem of worry can you find in this passage?

d) How does this week's Scripture passage reveal or reinforce our need of a Savior?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) How important do you suppose community was to the rich fool in Jesus' parable (vss. 16-21)? How might community have changed this man's story?

b) What would a church that "seeks the Kingdom" (vs. 31) look like?

c) When it comes to giving, what are you worried about? How does this passage speak to your worries?



SERVING OTHERS

a) Where is your treasure?

b) What would it take to lay up more of your treasure in heaven?

c) What steps will you take to invest more of your time and money in the advancement of God's Kingdom?
