

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: God's Kingdom and Earthly Stuff

Passage: Luke 12:22-34 (ESV)

Illustration:

Need: Jesus instructs His true followers on how they are to view earthly possessions from a Kingdom perspective.

I. Don't worry about your physical needs (12:22-23, 25-26)

- How much do we worry about things we have due to greed?
- Jesus does not say don't work, or don't save, or don't invest.
- Jesus does say that what you have/need does not depend upon your efforts.
- What are your biggest areas of worry? Be honest with yourself about, confess it to God as sin, share it with a trusted brother/sister.

II. Trust God's faithful provision (12:24, 27-28)

- Jesus did not say to live by "mooching" off of others.
- Sometimes, however, God will use others to meet your needs and when He does He is doing a work in the giver and the receiver.
- How could you creatively remind yourself to trust God to faithfully provide for your needs even if He sometimes uses another brother/sister to do it?

III. Focus on God's Kingdom (12:8-12)

- Actively communicate His message of salvation by grace through faith in King Jesus crucified and risen.
- Adjust your life to His work and instruction.
- Intentionally invest in others by being generous.
- Root out greed.
- Walk in the confidence of God.
- How is your life consistently Kingdom focused?