

# **Luke: The Inside Out Gospel**

Week 19

A Foolish Mistake

Luke 12:13-21

## **OPEN WITH PRAYER**

**GETTING STARTED:** If you somehow won \$150 million dollars, what are some things you would do with the money?

## **LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD**

**Together, read Luke 12:13-21 together**

1. What strikes you most after reading this passage? What do you think is the main point of this parable?
2. What would say is the key verse of this passage? Rewrite it in your own words.
3. The man in the crowd who raise the question was most likely a younger brother. By law his older brother would get the lion's share of the family inheritance. Jesus' response (addressed to the crowd) shows his perception of the man's real problem. What is the man's problem? If Jesus came to our society, what might he include in "all kinds of greed" (12:14-15)?
4. What is the big mistake of the rich fool? In other words, what makes him foolish?

5. Jewish tradition viewed wealth as a gift from God to be used for the good of others. In other words, the purpose of blessing was to bless others. In light of that expectation, how might Jesus' listeners have responded when they heard of the man's plan in verse 19? What is our society's view of wealth? What is your view of wealth?

6. From verse 21, what does Jesus mean by becoming "rich toward God"?

### **LIVING OUT "REAL LIFE"**

**1. How can you bless others with what God has given you?**

**2. In what ways is our church a blessing to Chico? In what ways can we become more of a blessing to our community? If somehow our church suddenly "disappeared" from the face of the earth, would our community notice we were gone?**

### **SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)**

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God's grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another's needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.