

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 7, 2008

Passage: Luke 12:13-21

Memory Passage: Luke 12:15

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

Day 1- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. What is unusual about what the man says in v.13? What does it say about his attitude toward Jesus' teaching? See Luke 12:6,7.
2. What gave rise to this man's concern? See Deut. 21:15-17. Why did Jesus refuse to help this man? See Luke 19:10.
3. What did Jesus warn against in v.15? How many kinds of greed can you think of? What is the opposite of greed?
4. What did Jesus say life is not about in v.15? See Eccle. 5:18-20. What can possessions per se not bring us?

Day 2- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. What linguistic device did Jesus use to teach the people. Why did he use this device? See Luke 8:4-10.
2. Does this parable teach that it is wrong to be wealthy and successful?
3. Can you think of any biblical characters who were wealthy and successful? How were they different from this rich man?
4. To what is this rich man's wealth and success attributed? See Ps. 24:1.

Day 3- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. What false assumption did this rich man make about his life?
2. What false assumption did this rich man make about his soul?
3. What false assumption did this rich man make about what was good?
4. Who did this rich man fail to take into account? Consider the second greatest commandment.
5. What was this rich man's main focus?

Day 4- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. What Scriptural principle did this rich man ignore? See Luke 6:38 and Acts 20:35
2. Read Eccle. 5:10-12. What is the problem with looking for satisfaction in possessions?
3. What did the rich man fail to do? See Ps. 103:2; I Cor. 10:31 and I Thes. 5:18.

Day 5- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

1. How does v. 20 show the folly of this rich man's thinking? Who is really in control?
2. Read Eccle. 2:18-21. What irony is associated with those who pour their lives into accumulating things for themselves?
3. In what ways was this rich man really poor?

4. Read Eccle. 12:13,14 and Matt. 6:33. What is life really about?

Day 6- ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

Think back over what you have learned this week. Thank God for the numerous ways in which He has blessed you. Meditate on your spiritual blessings and pray for a heart that is more attuned to the heart of God than to material possessions.

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A Poor Rich Man