



Part 1: How To Have Financial Peace

Money. It is something that everyone thinks about, something that many people worry about, and something about which some people struggle. How much money you have does not guarantee financial peace. Jesus taught that financial peace wasn't tied to how much stuff we had. It is tied to something (or someone) else.

Bottom Line: Financial peace comes when we trust God for our provision.

Discussion Questions:

1. How did your family regard possessions when you were growing up?
2. **Read Luke 12:13-21.** What's the difference between greed and desire for security?
 - a. Jesus says we are to guard against greed (v. 15). What is greed? In real practical terms, how do we "guard" against it in everyday life?
 - b. Jesus said that life is not measured by how much you own (or not own). By what, then, should life be measured?
 - c. According to Jesus' parable, what makes a person a fool?
 - d. Jesus suggests that we should be more concerned with being "rich toward God" (v. 21) as opposed to being rich toward ourselves. What does it mean to be "rich toward God"? How could you increase your "richness toward God"?
3. **Read Luke 12:22-34.** In these verses, we find the answer to greed (and worry): trusting in God. What does worrying suggest about our concept of God?
 - a. What reasons does Jesus give that we don't have to worry about money?
 - b. What priority does Jesus expect us to place on the Kingdom of God?
4. What might be signs in your life that material security is more important to you than trust in your Heavenly Father?
5. How have your life goals changed over the years with regard to money?
6. What can you do to transfer your trust from money/possessions and onto your Heavenly Father?
7. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you? How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.