

Midweek Study Lesson Questions 07/08/2026

Sunday July 5, 2026

The Danger of Lesser Treasures, Luke 12:13 - 21

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

Reflection: What does the sermon suggest about the relationship between planning for the future and trusting in God? Does it change or reinforce your outlook?

Explain the following points in reference to Sunday’s sermon.

1. Lesser Treasures Often Look Like Wisdom -

2. Possessions Promise More Than They Can Provide –

3. True Wealth Is Being Rich Toward God –

So, what does it mean to be rich toward God?

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Observation Question

According to Jesus, what is the ultimate problem with the way the rich man lived?

Interpretation Question

The rich man's language is filled with "I," "my," and "myself." What does this self-referential speech reveal about his heart and priorities?

Application Question

How would your relationship with money change if you truly saw everything you have as entrusted to you by God rather than owned by you?

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Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* KJV

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Matthew 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. KJV

1Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, NIV

Key Takeaways

- Lesser treasures masquerade as wisdom

The language of prudence and planning often hides self-sufficiency. When decisions serve a desire for control rather than dependence on God, practical wisdom becomes spiritual error. Discernment requires listening to the inner narrative—who receives the credit, who is left out, and what fear motivates the plan. Repentance begins where smart choices displace ultimate trust.

- Possessions cannot secure the soul

Material goods assuage anxiety briefly but cannot resolve the soul's existential questions. Treating belongings as ultimate security substitutes temporal comfort for covenantal dependence. Confronting that substitution exposes where identity and hope have been outsourced to things. True peace arrives only when the heart stops recruiting stuff to do God's work.

- True wealth is being rich toward God

Wealth toward God names an orientation shaped by trust, gratitude, obedience, worship, and generosity. Such richness receives Christ as the imperishable inheritance and reshapes how money, time, and gifts are used. Stewardship becomes participation in God's purposes rather than accumulation for self. Eternal value reorders daily choices.

- Guard the heart's invisible currency

Attention, imagination, and longing function as a soul's currency and betray what people truly worship. Monitoring where time, attention, and dreams flow reveals which treasures command devotion. Spiritual disciplines and generous practices recalibrate these affections toward God and neighbor. Cultivating inward vigilance prevents quiet idolatry from becoming a life-defining master.