

August 21

NEXT STEPS



Parable of the Rich Fool

This week we continue the message series called "Parables." Throughout this series we will dig into Parables of Jesus and how His teachings impact us today. For this week, we will be looking at the Parable of the Rich Fool from Luke 12:16-21.

Questions to *Dig Deeper*:

1. Why do you think that Jesus refused to get in the middle of the disagreement between brothers about the inheritance?
2. What do you think Jesus meant when he talked about "all kinds of greed?" What other types of greed might he be talking about, besides monetary greed?
3. What do you think was the progression of thought for this rich man that led him from receiving much more than he needed to deciding to keep it all for himself? Do you think he was intentionally greedy and ungenerous? How much should have been enough for him? How much is enough for you? Or how much is too much?
4. Read Luke 12: 20-21. What does it mean to be rich toward God? What makes this man a fool by God's standards? What do you think this passage tells us about savings or retirement? Do you think God is being harsh here? What do you think God wanted to do with his excess grain instead? How do God's words make you feel? Comforted, challenged, motivated, fearful?
5. Do you have any items that are "stored in barns" that you could give away, or invest in God's kingdom this week?