

Greed

Message Notes

Heart Crews began last week! If you are not yet in a crew, we would love to help you find one. You can see all our available crews on the Pure Heart App, or at www.pureheart.org/heartcrews.

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Heart Crew Homework

For the week of January 20 & 21, 2023

MY STORY

One of the great parts of being in a Heart Crew is getting to know others better. Take a moment to jot down your answers to the questions below and be ready to share with your crew.

Tell us about yourself ...

- Would you rather flip a coin for the chance to win \$100 or immediately win \$50?
 - If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?
 - What's the most interesting thing you can see out of your office or kitchen window?
2. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. What a fantastic message this weekend from Pastor Dan on greed. Pastor Dan focused on Luke 12:13-21 this weekend and how Jesus responded to one man's greed. Let's continue in Luke 12 with verses 22-23.

- a. In most translations verse 22 starts out with the word "Then" or "And", indicating that as soon as Jesus was done responding to the man seeking half his brother's inheritance, He immediately began teaching His disciples. What is the main point of what Jesus is saying in verses 22-23? Why do you think Jesus thought these words were important for His disciples?

- b. Jesus had asked the disciples to follow Him on His mission. For the disciples, it was not a mission leading to riches, earthly success, or fame. It was actually a self-sacrificing mission. Let's keep reading, Luke 12:24. What would these words have communicated to the disciples, and why would this be important?

- c. Jesus wanted His disciples to understand that earthly possessions were not the most important thing to their calling, but He also wanted them to understand that their needs would be met, and God cared for them. Let's keep going with Luke 12:25-29. Jesus addresses a number of issues here, what are they and what does He say about them?

- d. Which of these areas do you struggle with most and why?

- 2. Jesus has taken some time to address the concerns of the human heart, but then also assured his disciples that God loves them

and will meet their needs. He is about get a little more pointed in his teaching. Read Luke 12:30. Those are some strong words. When you read that the worry about clothes and food and possessions dominate the thoughts of the world, how does that feel? Why would He say that?

3. Jesus invited His disciples to join Him on a mission, just like He does us now. He wants our hearts, just like the hearts of these first followers to be focused on Him and not distracted by the world. This is a hard call, but He tells us how we can be on mission and follow Him well. Read Luke 12:31-34.

- a. List everything Jesus says we should do in these verses?
- b. Which of these feels the hardest for you right now and why?
- c. Look back at verse 34. Explain in your own words what this means.

TAKING IT HOME

In our world right now, money is a scary topic at times. The cost of everything is going up and sometimes the future can seem uncertain. No matter what is happening around us, Jesus' words remain true. God's love and care for us is not dependent on the world. There is no better time than when things are hard to start seeking first God's Kingdom. Ask God this week to show you where you are worried and lacking trust. Then, step out in faith and give.