

# A BETTER QUESTION

## Part 3: The Meaning of Meaning

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**Scripture:** Luke 12:1, 13-21

**Bottom Line:** In all its subtle forms, greed has the potential to rob your life. The secret to a meaning-filled life is found across the border from what's in it for me.

## Discussion Questions

- What's one purchase or experience you thought would make you happy but didn't last as long as you hoped?

 Set Up the Conversation:

- This week, we looked at how **happiness and meaning are connected**—but not in the way we often think.
- Jesus taught that **greed is subtle and dangerous** because it convinces us that life consists of what we accumulate. But meaning isn't found in what we consume—it's found in how we contribute.

**Read Luke 12:13-21 as a group.**

- What stood out to you most in this passage?
- If you had to summarize Jesus' main point in one sentence, what would it be?
- How do you think the original audience would have responded to this story?

Luke 12:15

- Why do you think Jesus warned against greed so strongly?
- How does culture encourage us to believe that happiness comes from getting more?
- Can you think of a time when you chased happiness but felt empty afterward?

Luke 12:16-19

- The rich man assumed that his extra was for him. Why do you think we tend to assume the same thing?
- In what ways does greed disguise itself as wisdom (e.g., security, responsibility, good stewardship)?
- What are some practical ways to guard ourselves against this mindset?

Luke 12:20-21

- What do you think it means to be "rich toward God"?

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- Have you ever felt a deeper sense of fulfillment from giving rather than receiving? What was that experience like?
- How can we practically shift our focus from storing up for ourselves to living as a means to an end?
- If you've identified something that breaks your heart, what's one small step you can take to act on it?
- If nothing comes to mind yet, what's one way you can position yourself to see the needs around you?

## **Weekly Challenge**

How will you make yourself a means to an end? You can take a step [HERE](#).