

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the sermon online [HERE](#).
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.

Welcome: *Icebreaker – What would you do if you won the lottery?*

Study Tip: As we walk through a key section in the gospel according to Luke over this series, we would like to supplement your study with other key passages that speak on important concepts found in the book that relate to becoming rich in the kingdom of God!

Colossians 4:10-14; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24: Here, we find that Luke also served as a physician. Furthermore, early church historians such as Jerome and Eusebius suggest that Luke was a convert at the church planted in Antioch who traveled with Paul (see the “we” language of Acts 16:11). As you explore his gospel account, pay special attention to the various ways Luke’s role as a doctor and a gentile motivate him to focus on the sick and the outcast.

Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-4: Luke writes his gospel account to offer an orderly transcription of Jesus’ life addressed to “*most excellent Theophilus*”. The title of “*most excellent*” appears three other times in Acts 23:26, 24:2, and 26:25 to describe those who were involved in Paul’s legal case. The title is a reference to someone in a high-class position. That means that Luke, who became a travelling companion of Paul, could have been writing the Luke-Acts account to (a: lawyer) offer Theophilus an accurate account of Paul’s testimony for his legal case, (b: historian) offer Theophilus a documented history of the Jesus movement, and/or (c: fund-raiser) share the story of Jesus and Paul’s ministry as a fundraiser for his missionary journeys.

Luke 4:16-19 (Isaiah 61:1-2; Leviticus 25:8-22): The gospel according to Luke offers a unique insight into the origin story of Jesus leading up to a mission statement unique to Luke. While other gospel accounts record Jesus proclaiming the kingdom of God (Mt. 4:17, Mk. 1:15), Luke gives this message some tangible meaning for those in whom he expressed a special interest!

What’s Going on This Week

This week, Pastor Danny launched us into a new series titled *How to Become Rich* service! Pastor Danny brought our attention to *Luke 12:13-34* to challenge us to rethink what it means to become rich towards the Lord. As your group wrestles with this week’s study guide, pay close attention to your own heart towards wealth and riches and what it means for you to become rich toward God. As you apply these scriptures in your own lives, share different goals you would like to experience over the course of the series and explore different ways the Lord may be challenging you to reorient your heart toward becoming rich toward the Lord!

“Foolishness is planning to spend money that is not yours in a future that is not guaranteed.” – Pastor Danny Strange

GROUP MEETING (60 – 90 minutes)

Worship (10 – 15 minutes)

Take time with your group and prepare your hearts as you enter the presence of God for this meeting.

<p>Option 1: Worship Music Have someone share their favorite worship song. You can find it online, play it, and sing along! Have them explain why the lyrics have impacted them!</p>	<p>Option 2: Money Parables Jesus talks more about money than heaven and hell combined. Can you think of any parables about money that stand out to you?</p>	<p>Option 3: Meditation 1 Timothy 6:6-12 is a key passage that talks about the love of money and being the root of all evil. Before we dive into the series, meditate on where your heart is at in terms of finances.</p>
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Word: Cast vision for God's work in this series (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: Luke 12:13-21 – In this parable, we read about (1) a man that runs into a massive fortune, (2) a man who didn't actually *make* any of his money but was produced by the fruit of the land produced by the Lord, and (3) a man who spent his money assuming he had more time on this planet. **As we begin to talk about riches and how to become rich toward God, where does this parable hit home for you? What is something that you hope the Lord teaches you from this series about your heart towards wealth?**

Prayer Tip: Acknowledge that this may be a difficult topic to discuss in your group. Pray for any tension that you may see as God draws our hearts away from money and toward his kingdom economy!

Word: Commit to short-term and long-term principles (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: Luke 12:22-34 – Given that we can't control how much money or time we have, Jesus concludes this section by telling us not to worry about our money, sell our possessions, give to the poor, and use our money to serve the Lord now. **What is one way the Lord may be challenging you to let go of your resources and invest in His kingdom this week? What is something in this last part of the parable that resonates with you in this season that you would like to hold onto throughout this series?**

Prayer Tip: Pay attention to any short-term actions that come up and find a way to hold the member accountable to their action. Furthermore, write down some of the long-term goals that come up in the group.

Witness (20 – 25 minutes)

In light of this week's discussion, here are some different ways that your group can pray!

- Pray for anyone who may find themselves in a dark valley this week.
- Pray that God's Spirit would shift perspectives to see the feast set before us in the midst of darkness.
- Pray for any individual prayer request that comes up in your group.
- Pray for the entire group and how they may be able to contribute to future group meetings.
- Pray for an interaction with someone who you can invite into your next group meeting!
- Pray for God's hand in the multiplication and revival of your group!

We invite your entire group to join the [House of Prayer](#) (Sunday 9/19 @ 6:30 PM on Zoom) and participate in our next churchwide [PrayFast](#) event (Tuesday 9/21 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

-Stay up to date with Coronavirus Ministry Opportunities: Help us out by pointing the people in your Community Group to [3Crosses.org/coronavirus](https://3crosses.org/coronavirus). If you or anyone in your group is looking to serve food in our pantry, access spiritual care, or seek financial assistance, you can find all you need at [3Crosses.org/neighborhood](https://3crosses.org/neighborhood)

-Join relief efforts locally and around the world: Looking to contribute to what is going on both locally and around the world? Visit our website and join one of the [relief efforts](#) being made available through our church partners or sponsor an [indigenous missionary](#)!

-Read Ahead: *Read Luke 14:1-24* There is something broken in us that can prevent us from entering the kingdom of heaven. We fail to see the value of the human soul because we value other things more (our own honor, reputation, comfort). Instead, we must shift our value to lifting people up!

-Life Groups 2021: For more information about joining a group, hosting a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org