

Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers

(A Journey Through the Gospel of Luke)

“The Danger of Bigger Barns”

Luke 12:13-34

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Big Idea

True life is not found in what we accumulate, but in trusting God and investing in what lasts forever.

Disciple-Making Focus

Kingdom fruit requires eternal perspective..

I. Disciple-Makers _____ Their Hearts Against Greed
(vv. 13-21)

“Watch out and be on guard against all greed, because one’s life is not in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15, CSB)

Key Truth:

A disciple-maker understands that greed is not a money problem—it is a heart problem.

II. Disciple-Makers _____ the Father More Than Possessions
(vv. 22-31)

“Do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear... your Father knows that you need them.” (Luke 12:22, 30, NIV)

*“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.”
(Luke 12:31, NIV)*

Key Truth:

Kingdom-minded disciples trust God's provision instead of living in fear.

III. Disciple-Makers _____ in Eternal Treasure (vv. 32-34)

“Sell your possessions and give...” (Luke 12:33)

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Luke 12:34, CSB)

Key Truth:

Disciple-makers invest in people and God's kingdom because eternity is their true home.

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Small Group Questions — Week 15

Series: *Follow Me — and I Will Make You Fishers*

Week 15 Title: **The Danger of Bigger Barns**

Text: **Luke 12:13–34**

Start Here — Reflective Question

If you suddenly received a large inheritance or financial windfall, what would be the first thing you would want to do with it?

Read the Passage

Have someone read **Luke 12:13–34** aloud before discussion.

Discussion Questions

1. Guarding Against Greed — Luke 12:13–21

Jesus says: Watch out and be on guard against all greed...

Why do you think Jesus responded to the man's inheritance question with a warning about greed?

The rich man's repeated focus was on:

- My crops
- My barns
- My grain
- My goods

What does that reveal about his heart?

The sermon said: **“Greed is not a money problem—it is a heart problem.”**

How have you seen that principle play out in real life?

2. Trusting the Father — Luke 12:22–31

Jesus points to the ravens and the lilies as examples of God's care.

Why do you think Jesus connects worry and possessions in this passage?

What are some things people commonly worry about today?

Jesus says: “Don't worry about your life...”

What is the difference between responsible planning and anxious worrying?

How does trusting God practically change the way we live?

3. Seeking the Kingdom First

Jesus tells His disciples: “Seek His kingdom...”

What does it look like to seek God's kingdom in everyday life?

Why is it easy to drift into pursuing comfort, security, or success instead?

Can you share a time when putting God's priorities first required faith?

4. Investing in Eternal Treasure — Luke 12:32–34

Jesus says: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

What do you think Jesus means by that statement?

How does disciple-making fit into Jesus' teaching about eternal investment?

The sermon said: **“The greatest legacy you can leave is not what you accumulated—but who you influenced for Christ.”**

What stands out to you about that statement?

5. Disciple-Making and Eternal Perspective

The Disciple-Making Focus for this week was: **“Kingdom fruit requires eternal perspective.”**

Why is an eternal perspective essential for making disciples?

How might our priorities change if we truly viewed people through the lens of eternity?

Who has invested spiritually in your life, and how did that impact you?

Disciple-Making Connection

The rich fool invested everything in larger barns.

Jesus calls us to invest in His Kingdom.

What is one intentional way you can invest in another person's spiritual growth this week?

Close Together

Spend time praying together.

Pray that God would:

- * Guard your heart from greed
- * Increase your trust in His provision
- * Help you seek His Kingdom first
- * Give you an eternal perspective
- * Show you someone you can influence spiritually
- * Help you invest your life in things that will last forever

Ask God to make you a disciple who values eternal treasure more than temporary success.