



Beyond Sunday

UpsideDown Kingdom — 2.1.2026

Don't be Fooled — Dan Perkins

Gather

These questions help build connection and invite personal reflection around the sermon's themes.

1. Growing up, how did your family or culture define **success**? How has that definition shaped you—positively or negatively?

Grow

These questions guide your group through the Scriptures from Sunday's sermon, helping surface observation, meaning, and truth.

Read Luke 12:13-21

1. Why do you think Jesus frames greed as something we must *actively guard* against?
2. What are subtle or socially acceptable forms of greed in our culture today?
3. What stands out to you about the repeated use of "I," "me," and "my" in this parable?
4. What assumptions does the rich man make about time, control, and security?
5. Where do you see this same mindset reflected in modern success narratives?
6. Why is the word *fool* such a strong—and fitting—assessment here?
7. According to Jesus, what does it mean to be "rich toward God," and how is that different from being rich for *oneself*?

Read Philippians 2:6-11 & Luke 14:11

4. How does Jesus' path of humility directly confront the values of ambition, status, and self-promotion?
5. What does this passage reveal about how God defines true greatness?

Give / Go

These questions move the conversation toward application and faithful response.

1. Thinking about the Scriptures and the parable, where might God be inviting you to shift from **accumulation to distribution**—of time, money, attention, or energy?
2. What is one **concrete** step you can take this week to become more “rich toward God”?

Prayer

How can the group be praying for you as you seek to realign your life toward what truly matters in God’s Kingdom?

Going Deeper

For those who want to explore this theme further during the week.

- **Video:** [Bible Project: Wealth & Worry](https://bibleproject.com/videos/wealth-and-worry/)
 - <https://bibleproject.com/videos/wealth-and-worry/>
- **Article:** [Timothy Keller: Financial Scarcity + Gospel Joy = Riches](https://timothykeller.com/blog/2008/12/27/financial-scarcity-gospel-joy-riches)
 - <https://timothykeller.com/blog/2008/12/27/financial-scarcity-gospel-joy-riches>
- **Book:** [Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer](https://a.co/d/1cJg8SJ)
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