

Beyond Sunday

8.30.2026 — Reconnect

How Much Is Enough? — Luke 12:13–34 — Mark Tumney

Gather

These questions help us build connections with one another as we share personal experiences.

1. When you think about the phrase “enough,” what comes to mind? What makes you feel like you have enough—or that you need more?
2. Have you ever experienced a situation where money or possessions created tension in a relationship? What did that experience teach you about the power money can have in our lives?

Grow

These questions guide us through the Scripture from Sunday's sermon, helping us observe the text and understand more deeply what Jesus is teaching.

1. Read Luke 12:13–15

“Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

What do you notice about the way Jesus responds to the man's request? Why do you think Jesus moves beyond the specific inheritance dispute to address greed and the meaning of life?

- What is the difference between having a legitimate financial concern and allowing that concern to control our hearts?
- What does Jesus mean when He says that “life does not consist in an abundance of possessions”?

2. Looking at Luke 12:16–21

What stands out to you about the farmer's conversation with himself?

- What words or ideas does he repeat?
- What is missing from his thinking?
- Why do you think Jesus calls him a “fool”?

- Was the farmer wrong simply because he was wealthy or because he planned for the future? What, then, was the deeper problem?

What does this parable reveal about the difference between being financially rich and being "rich toward God"?

3. Read Luke 12:22–30

Jesus moves directly from the parable into teaching about worry.

What connection do you see between the rich farmer building bigger barns and Jesus' teaching about worry?

- How can both accumulation and anxiety come from the same fear: **"What if I don't have enough?"**
- What do the ravens and wildflowers teach us about God's provision?
- What does Jesus mean when He says, "Your Father knows that you need them"?
- How is trusting God different from being financially irresponsible?

4. Reflect on Luke 12:31–32

"But seek his kingdom..."

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

Why do you think Jesus emphasizes the words "your Father"?

What difference would it make in the way we handle money, possessions, work, retirement, or the future if we truly believed that **God is our Father and that He knows what we need?**

Consider the contrast:

- The farmer says, "I need bigger barns."
- Jesus says, "Do not be afraid."
- The farmer tries to secure his future through what he possesses.
- Jesus reminds us that our Father has already given us an inheritance—the kingdom.

How does knowing that our ultimate inheritance is secure change the way we hold our earthly possessions?

5. Read Luke 12:33–34

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

What does Jesus say about the relationship between our treasure and our hearts?

- How can giving change the way we feel about money?
- Why might generosity be an act of trust rather than simply an act of charity?
- What does it mean that generosity flows from knowing how rich we already are in God?
- Where do you see the temptation to build "bigger barns" in your own life?

Give / Go

These questions help us apply the sermon's takeaways and consider how God is calling us to respond.

HOW DOES IT APPLY?

Where are you most tempted to live as though everything depends upon you?

Is it in your finances, career, retirement, possessions, family, or plans for the future?

What would it look like to move from **"I have to secure myself"** to **"I have a Father who provides for me"**?

TAKE ONE FAITHFUL STEP

The sermon challenges us not simply to think about trust, but to take one step.

What is one specific step God may be inviting you to take this week?

It might involve:

- Increasing your financial giving.
- Taking a step toward a tithe.
- Giving generously to someone in need.
- Releasing something you have been holding too tightly.
- Offering your time or abilities to bless someone else.
- Praying about an area where fear is driving your decisions.
- Practicing gratitude for God's provision.

Prayer

Spend a few moments quietly reflecting on the words of Jesus:

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom."

— Luke 12:32

Prayer Question:

How can this group pray for you this week as you seek to trust God more deeply with your money, possessions, future, or other areas of your life?

Going Deeper

If you are interested in exploring the themes of this week a bit deeper, consider one of these:

Video: *Generosity* by the Bible Project

<https://bibleproject.com/videos/generosity/>

Book: *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn

<https://a.co/d/0a88cYvF>

A short, accessible exploration of Jesus' teaching about treasure, generosity, and investing in what lasts eternally.

Practice: *"Open-Handed Prayer"*

For one week, spend 2–3 minutes each day praying with your hands physically open.

Pray:

"Father, everything I have comes from you.

Help me trust you with what I have,

what I need, and what I fear losing.

Show me what you want me to hold

and what you want me to release.

Make me rich toward you."

Then ask:

"Father, what is one thing you are inviting me to trust you with today?"

Write down whatever comes to mind and look for one concrete way to respond.