



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *It's for You*

Text: Luke 12:13-21

Service Date: January 5, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- As we come out of the holiday season, we are typically very filled with gratitude as we spend time with family and friends, reflecting on the birth of Jesus. Why does the gratitude and splendor fade away quickly after the holidays?
- How can we continue to be grateful and continue sharing this joy after the holiday season has settled down?

Sermon Discussion

- Why is gratitude so much more contagious than greed?
- Whether reflected in society or in your personal experience(s), what are some reasons that we are hesitant to be generous with what we have?
- Greed isn't always about money, although it is a popular theme within greed. Several areas mentioned in the sermon that greed can lead to are jealousy, debt, dishonesty, and dissatisfaction. What are other ways that you have either seen or experienced greed that isn't specifically about money?
- Paul Snoddy noted, "When thinking about generosity, there is a certain emotional tension that exists. Most people admit they *should* give more and even *desire* to give more but the tension between how much you release and how much you keep are competing impulses that both confuse and stifle generosity." If we know we can't take any earthly possessions with us into eternity, including our finances, why is it so easy to only focus on the here and now when it comes to possessions and finances?

- Read Luke 12:13-21 and 1 Chronicles 29:11-15. What are the differences in the two attitudes (the person Jesus talked about and then King David)? Where do you find the most gratitude between the two passages?
- If current scientific studies and Biblical scriptures show that there are tremendous benefits to being generous, why do you think it is often something we need to be reminded of doing?
- What “thermometers” do you use to consider your generosity level?
- To escape greed and a focus on self, we have to be intentional in our planning. It won’t happen by accident. In the next twelve months, do you have an intentional plan for the following areas and allowing God to use you?
 - >Tithing...either to start tithing or to increase beyond 10%
 - >Serving in a ministry
 - >Inviting someone to attend church or your Formation Group
 - >A daily devotional time of prayer and Scripture (incorporate the Formation Journal)

FROM GREED  TO GENEROSITY

My first step in 2025 for moving from “greed” (left side) to “generosity” (right side) will be to...

Fill in the blank with your first step.

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We’d love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village’s values is “Stories of Life Change”. Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.