

Session 4 - Money on the Move // Bigger Barns (Week of November 10)

Overview: This week we explore our relationship with material possessions and the tendency to build "bigger barns." We'll be challenged by what it means to prioritize being rich toward God rather than merely accumulating wealth for ourselves.

Opening Prayer: Ask God to help you see your possessions through His eyes and focus on eternal treasures.

Icebreaker: So far, how has this study shifted your thinking, challenged your financial habits or inspired generosity in your life?

Teaching Video: <u>Watch the video with Pastor Terry and Pastor Nate</u> discussing the story of the rich fool from Luke 12:13-34 and the concept of "bigger barns."</u>

Scripture: Luke 12:13-34 (Parable of the Rich Fool)

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In Luke 12:15, Jesus warns, "Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." What does that mean for how you view your material possessions?
- 2. When you hear the story of "bigger barns" what comes to your mind about something that could be a "bigger barn" in your life?
- 3. There is a tension between wanting to be secure in the future and wanting to be generous in the present. Discuss that tension and how this parable challenges our conventional thinking.
- 4. We use the phrase time, talents and treasures to describe the resources God has given us to manage and invest. We have discussed our "treasures" throughout this study, but how are you investing your time and talents for God's Kingdom? What ways can you better utilize these resources for the Kingdom?

Taking Action This Week:

- 1. Take time to reflect on your "bigger barns" and consider how you can shift your focus toward building treasures in heaven. What decisions or sacrifices might God want you to make?
- Discuss with loved ones on how you will respond to the On the Move financial investment. Take time this week to prepare your heart and your decision for **Commitment Sunday on November 17.** At the end of the service the church will make a financial commitment, placing them in boxes in the front of the sanctuary.

Closing Prayer: Pray for a heart of generosity and ask for the wisdom to use your resources, time and talents to further God's Kingdom, rather than being consumed by materialism.

