

## WEEK 1: Foolish Treasures

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### FACILITATOR'S NOTE:

- ✓ Start your group discussion with the “Check-in” question to help your members reflect back on their week and follow up on last week’s application challenge.
- ✓ Review the “Big Idea” to help you gain clarity around the heart of this week’s message and focus your group’s discussion towards a clear direction.
- ✓ Read this week’s scripture passages together and guide your group through the “Discuss” questions to initiate meaningful dialogue around key concepts or insights from this week’s message.
- ✓ Move your group discussion to a deeper level by leading them through questions in “Apply”. Use discernment to customize these application questions to meet the needs & dynamics of your group.  
**NOTE:** You do not have to cover all the questions provided in “Discuss” and “Apply”.
- ✓ Connect with God together as a group through this week’s “prayer practice”, which can be in the form of a prayer exercise or some guidance on what to pray for in relation to the message or application.

<b>CHECK-IN</b>	How do you define success?
<b>BIG IDEA</b>	Opening our eyes to what is truly precious.
<b>DISCUSS</b>	<p><b>Read Luke 12:13-34</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. How do you define greed?</li><li>2. How is one “rich toward God”? What does God value?</li><li>3. Pastor Brian outlined a lifestyle that reflects putting:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) God first</li><li>2) Family second</li><li>3) Job third</li><li>4) Church forth</li><li>5) Money/possessions fifth</li></ol></li></ol> <p>Does your life reflect these values? Which one do you find struggling for the first spot?</p> <p>4. In society today, a different kind of treasure is being sold. Experiences are being placed of having great value (vacations, travel, sports, friends, food, wine). If our life were represented in a wheel and God was the centre, self in the next circle and “worldly matter” on the outside.</p>

	<p>Where do our experiences fit and where have you placed them in the example of the wheel?</p>
<p><b>APPLY</b></p> <p>How do we respond to God’s teaching in meaningful ways? What might God ask of us in mind, spirit, or actions?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The early church “held the things of this world lightly and those things in the next dearly.” What practical things could you do to make this a reality first as an individual and also as a life group as a whole?</li> <li>2. What does it mean to “identify yourself in Christ” as a Christian? Explain/brainstorm.</li> <li>3. Have you discovered ways to honour God by who He has made you to be? If so, what are you doing or could you do for God’s glory and your enjoyment?</li> </ol>
<p><b>PRAYER PRACTICE</b></p>	<p><b>Facilitation Notes:</b></p> <p><i>Prayer is an essential part of the Christian life. Please plan for a time of prayer together. It will breed intimacy and invite God to move in your lifegroup. If you find that you are always running out of time for prayer, try placing it before the discussion questions. Don’t be afraid to mix things up. Be intentional as a leader and let God do the rest.</i></p> <hr/> <p>Pastor Brian shared in his sermon that the fourth century emperor Julian lamented, “Those Christians not only feed their own poor but they feed our as well.</p> <p><b>Prayer Options:</b></p> <p>Is there anyone in the <b>church</b> that you know who could use some encouragement or practical help? Pray for that person or that you would find someone in need and have the opportunity to encourage or assist them in their need. Your lifegroup is an amazing resource for this person.</p> <p>Is there anyone in your local <b>community</b> that you know could use some encouragement or practical help? Pray for that person or that you would find someone in need and have the opportunity to encourage or assist them in their need. Your lifegroup is an amazing resource for this person.</p> <p>Pray for each other and for those in your community.</p>