



Week 9 | Short Stories | July 23

Key Focus: Hope

Opening Up:

- What is something you value well beyond its market value?
- What is an experience that you would consider a worthy investment?
- When was the last time you had a bad case of FOMO (Fear of Missing Out)?

Reference: Luke 12:13-21

Discuss:

1. In 12:15 we are encouraged to be on guard against mistaking our 'having' with our 'being'. When have you have been tempted to mistake your value with your possessions?
2. What circumstances drive you to look at what you possess for your significance?
3. In this parable the man treasured himself and was not "rich toward God." He invested in himself and not in God's kingdom. What motivates you to be rich toward God and invest in his kingdom? What kingdom work really gets you excited? How can you invest more in that work?
4. When you consider the birds (12:24), trusting God for their daily bread, how do they promote your faith, knowing your value to God?
5. When you consider the lilies (12:27), decorating the grass with their beauty, how do they promote your faith knowing that you are more beautiful than they are?
6. How does considering what God thinks of you affect the way you consider how others think of you?
7. People are too easily bought by the things of this world and are therefore bought by too cheap a price. How does knowing the price God has paid for you help you to think more of yourself?
8. The antidote to FOMO is generosity (12:33)? How can you be more generous with your life?
9. How does your generosity speak to the grace that you have already received from God? (Think about a specific grace God has given you and how it leads you toward a particular expression of generosity.)
10. Pray.