

We HOW DO IT

3. How We Do Giving

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

Read Luke 12.13-34

32 Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Why do so many of us worry about money? When it comes to money, what things do you worry about most – and why?
- How do you feel about Jesus' description of greed as using your resources purely for yourself? Do you think it's fair that this man is described as a fool?
- Have you ever fallen into the same trap of assuming your money is for you?
- 'Anarchy says, All Property is Theft. The Bible says, All Property is Trust.' Discuss.
- What would it mean for you personally to be rich towards God? What things get in the way of that? What things give us confidence to be more rich towards God and less prone to greed?
- *Read 1 Corinthians 16.2. What do you think of the Biblical model of giving – Prioritised ('on the first day'), Programmed ('set aside a sum') and Proportional (in keeping with your income)?*

Big Idea: 'We overcome the power of Greed and Worry in our lives by being rich towards God, Giving in a way that is Prioritised, Programmed and Proportional.'

Pray together in smaller groups. Pray particularly for those experiencing worries and stress about money. Pray for a fresh revelation of God as a generous provider. Pray for Him to give the 'daily bread' that we need.

Pray for an overflow generosity and the faith needed to be rich towards God.

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