

## Small Group Leaders' Guide | Sermon Questions, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> 2016

The Gospel in Story | The Barn Builder (Lk 12:13-34)

1. Doug mentioned this crowd that Jesus was addressing was “trampling itself” out of fear. Fear is a common emotion in scripture, what do you fear? How do you respond when you feel fear?
2. What are the reassurances that Jesus offers to the fearful crowd in verses 1-12? What perspective does he offer to them (temporary vs eternal)?
3. After the man’s plea, Jesus turned and addressed his followers. What was his warning to them? What is the error in the Rich man’s logic?
4. Doug said Jesus is teaching that “greed is a fear motivated attempt (FMA) to create security.” He listed several others: Anger, slander, impatience, and defensiveness, but said they all fail at their intended purpose. What types of fear motivated attempts do you resonate with?
5. Doug mentioned the word “pleased” is only used twice by Luke in all his writings, once by God of Jesus after his baptism, and the other by Jesus of us. How does it make you feel to know God is pleased with you? That he wants to give you eternal life with him?
6. If faith in our father frees us from fear, how can we have more faith in our father?
7. God has always planned for his people to be unique, to stand out, and draw attention. Doug asked the question, can you imagine what it would be like if our church was really free from fear? Rather than the largest building, what would we be known for?
8. What is one thing that you have always been known for (even if just to yourself), that you want redeemed? (ie. Greedy to generous, impatient to patient, fearful to faithful, lustful to disciplined)
9. If you have children: When you notice your kids exhibiting FMA’s to create security in their lives, what is the appropriate response of a loving father/mother?