

Becoming Rich Toward God

Group Study Questions

Opening Question:

If you could live to be 120 years old, would you want to? Why or why not?

General Observation:

1. What stood out to you from the sermon? Was there anything that particularly challenged or inspired you?
2. The pastor used several illustrations (skull art, American wealth, barbecue, rope visual). Which one resonated with you the most and why?

Understanding the Message:

3. In the sermon, the pastor talked about having the right "life definition." How would you explain what he meant by that?
4. Read Luke 12:13-21. What was the rich man's mistake according to Jesus? How does this relate to the sermon's main point?
5. The pastor emphasized that we are "souls with bodies." How does this perspective change how we might approach our daily lives?

Personal Application:

6. The sermon challenged us to examine what our souls are pursuing. What do you think your soul is currently most focused on? How does that align with what God might want for you?
7. We heard that many Christians live as "practical atheists" - believing in God but not consulting Him in daily affairs. In what areas of your life do you find it most challenging to involve God?
8. The pastor said that being "rich toward God" involves doing good works and using our resources for eternal purposes. How do you feel you're doing in these areas? Where might God be calling you to grow?

Action Steps:

9. This week, choose one area of your life where you can be more intentional about "living now in light of then." What specific action will you take?
10. The sermon challenged us to consider how we're using our resources for eternal purposes. What's one way you could adjust your spending or giving this month to better align with this principle?

Sample Prayer:

Lord, thank You for the gift of life and the promise of eternity with You. Help us to truly grasp how short our time on earth is compared to eternity. Give us wisdom to live each day with purpose, pursuing the things that truly matter to You. Show us how to be "rich toward God" by doing good works and using our resources for Your kingdom. Help us to resist the constant messages of discontentment in our culture and find our satisfaction in You. May we live in such a way that when we meet You face to face, we'll hear "well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' name, Amen.