**“Generosity When You Have More Than Enough”**

Going deeper in Luke 12:13-21

**INTRODUCTION**

Jesus is teaching and a large crowd has gathered. He is teaching about living out our God-designed lives as followers of Jesus.

**READ** – *Read (passage) aloud. Read it several times. Listen for what the Spirit of God is saying, don’t just think about it.* 13 Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Scholarly teacher command my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” 14 Jesus said, “Man, who made me judge and divider over you and your brother’s inheritance?” 15 Then Jesus turned and said to everyone, “Be alert and on guard against all kinds of greed because life is not found in how much you have, even when you have a lot.” 16 He went on and told them this parable: “A very rich farmer had a really good harvest.” 17 He thought to himself: ‘What should I do? I don’t have room to store all of my harvest. 18 This is what I will do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones and I will store all of my crops and my goods’ 19 I will say to my soul or self (breath of life): Soul, you have it made for many years to come. Take life easy, eat, drink, and celebrate.’ 20 “Just then God showed up and said, ‘Fool, this night your soul is demanded of you. Who will get all the stuff you prepared for yourself?’ 21 “This is how it is for whoever lays up treasures for self and is not rich toward God.”

**ENGAGE** – *Questions for going deeper. God is speaking… to you.*

1. Why does the man think Jesus can or would want to tell his brother to divide the inheritance?

2. What do you think Jesus intends by calling him “man?”

3. Think about the command to love God and one’s neighbor. In this situation what is the love like between the two brothers with the inheritance issue? Why?

4. How many times in the parable is the word, “my” used? What does this say about this man’s priorities?

5. Who would you say is in charge of this man’s life? Himself or God?

6. How might not putting God first with your possessions affect your relationship with the neighbor you are called to love? How might realizing all we have comes from God have changed the relationship between the two brothers fighting over their inheritance?

**PRAY** – *God has spoken. So, reply.*

\*Thank God for all He has given you.

\*Ask Him to show the things in your life that you need to loosen your grip on.

\*Ask Him to show you what He wants you to be generous toward.

**LIVE** – *This is where the rubber hits the road.*

How will being rich toward God change what you do with possessions and relationships this week?