

OPENING PRAYER

- Commit your discussion to God.
- Ask Him to reveal Himself through His word.
- Pray for courage to live out our convictions.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! 1 Chronicles 16:34

CONSIDERATION - Discussion Starters

- What resources, feelings or experiences would you say the average American values most?
- How do these things (which may be good) become so important to us that we 'worship' them?

In this study & discussion we will explore the ways that Good things can become 'god' things leading us to live for the wrong things which is a very bad thing.

In this resource

- 1.CONSIDERATION Discuss key questions of life and faith.
- 2. CONNECTION— Discover what the Bible says on these issues.
- 3. COMMITMENT –
 Map out how you will apply the truth of God's revealed will in the coming week.
- 4. COMMISSION –
 Decide to pass on what
 you have discovered this
 week through sharing and
 service.

CONNECTION - Seeking God through the Study of His Word

Read Luke 12:13-21 together with your group or family.

- What key lesson(s) is Jesus teaching in this passage?
- The man in this passage wanted Jesus to give him what he was owed. We would call this a request for justice. If we're honest we might admit to feeling like God should give us 'more' than we currently have. Instead Jesus illustrates that this man (we) will never be satisfied by having more or even 'enough' possessions.

Describe the reasons we must not place our ultimate hope in possessions according to Luke 12:22-34 / 1 Timothy 6:6-10 / 1 John 2:15-16

COMMITMENT - Personal Map for Application

God's goal for you, according to Jesus words is that you become rich in God. What possessions or pursuits have been competing with your pursuit & worship of God?

How will you actively surrender (lay down) those Counterfeit God's in order to make God first in your life this week?

COMMISSION - Pass it on through Sharing and Service

How will you resist idolatry by choosing to be generous this week?

Share your commitment to generosity with one person in your family or LifeGroup & ask them to hold you accountable. Maybe you choose to pursue the same action/goals together for encouragement & support.

CLOSING PRAYER - List specific requests & pray for one another this week.