

Impact Discussion Title: <b>Storing Grain</b>		Category: <b>Lifestyle</b>
	<b>Opening Question:</b>  Imagine that your entire savings was lost. How would you feel? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vulnerable, weak, unprepared... etc</li> </ul>	Pick 2-3 individuals to share. 5 minutes total.
<b>Lesson:</b>		
	<b>Luke 12:13-21</b>  <b>Q.</b> What does it mean to “store up grain?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To worry about the things in this world rather than things of God</li> <li>• It doesn’t mean that we shouldn’t be wise with our money, it does mean that there are more important things than “stuff”</li> </ul> <b>Q.</b> How can we “store up grain” like the rich man? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on possessions</li> <li>• Work-a-holic</li> </ul> <b>Q.</b> What does “storing up grain” do to us? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Causes us to be greedy, ungrateful</li> <li>• Doesn’t let us focus on other aspects of life, one track mind</li> <li>• Even with so much, it will never be enough</li> <li>• It can cause worry and potentially overwhelm us</li> </ul> <b>Q.</b> What was wrong with what the man was doing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It wasn’t wrong to save his money and be wise, it was wrong that the man had the intention to make money in order to “Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”</li> </ul> <p><i>Being happy and enjoying life is not wrong, but so often we can equate excess with happiness. The man worked hard in order to save up and live in excess, but his life was taken before he could enjoy that. The desire to live in excess can either cause the rest of our life to pass us by or it can only lead to an insatiable desire for more, never being satisfied</i></p>	
	<b>Luke 12:22-34</b>  <p><i>After talking about the downfall of leaning on material things to be happy, Jesus then encourages us to not worry about the physical things of this life.</i></p> <b>Q.</b> How can we lean on the physical stuff of this life to make us happy? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He who dies with the most toys wins</li> <li>• We focus on the here and now moment, rather than looking ahead</li> </ul> <b>Q.</b> What does it mean to store up treasure in heaven? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worrying about other people’s needs ahead of ourselves</li> <li>• Understanding that God will always provide us with our basic needs</li> </ul>	

*It's not wrong to plan for the future and save, but Jesus is asking for us to plan for an even greater future—Heaven.*

- Q.** How can we fight off the worry of this world and the temptations for earthly possessions?
- By serving the poor
  - Providing for different people's needs
  - Focusing less on us and more on other people

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive"- Jesus makes a promise in this passage that if we forget about our physical worries and instead invest in something greater, something eternal, we will be blessed and be provided for. Obviously, our selfishness can be what causes us to save up treasures upon this earth; yet, intentionally thinking of others and working to meet their needs shatters any last bit of selfishness.*

**Application**

Reflect upon your life and whether you've been building up treasures for yourself in Heaven or on earth. Realize that God will always provide for you. If you are interested in how God can work in your life and if you want to prepare treasures for yourself for eternity, get into a Bible study with someone and truly learn about God's love for you.