

Have you ever experienced someone like this? Did their efforts provide happiness or joy in their life? Why or why not?

When you reflect on your own life are there times where you have lived some version of Ecclesiastes 2:1-11 or Luke 12:13-21? What happened?

Why do you think Jesus was so adamant that you cannot serve both God and money?

What is a situation, place, or relationship in your life right now that you could utilize resources God has given you to invest in things that reflect God's heart?

Are there any steps you need to take in your life right now as a result of what you've learned from Scripture this week? How can your Community Group help you take those steps?

Sermon Notes

Cut the Competition

Matthew 6:19-24

Nolan Donald



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Community Group Study Guide

For the week of October 25, 2009

Getting Started

What is one thing from Sunday's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Describe a situation where you've been torn between two allegiances (work for two bosses, cheer for opposing teams, etc.). How did you feel trying to honor both?

When you have something important that you must focus on and complete, what do you do to help alleviate things that may pull you away from completing your goal?

If someone looked at the Visa statements or checkbooks of the average person living on your street, where do you think their treasure (and their hearts) are?

Digging Deeper

Read Psalm 50:1-15. Write down things you notice about God in those verses. Specifically, how does this psalm refer to God with regard to material possessions in the world?

Why doesn't God need us to give him resources we've stored up?

Read Luke 12:13-21. Jot down things you notice.

What do you think causes the man to hoard his resources? What do you think causes people to do this today?

What do you think the rich man's perception of God was? Based on this text, at what level does it appear the rich man depended on/trusted God?

What do you think the most important thing in the rich man's life was? (Hint: count the number of uses of the words I, me, my, and self.)

Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. Write down how this man's lifestyle compares to the culture around us. What was the end result of this man's pursuits?