



## Session 5: The Parable of the Rich Farmer: Invest Well

### IN

Introduction

#### DISCUSSION:

It is sometimes said that to see where a person's heart is invested, you need only look at their bank statement and their diary. Try this, as a mental exercise. What do you find?

Mark Twain asks, 'What is the chief end of man?' What do you think the world today believes is the 'chief end of man'? Do you think differently?

### UP

Explore

#### READ Luke 12.13-21

- Think about how the context of the parable is important to the underlying teaching.
- Read the Song of Moses in Deuteronomy 32.1-43, paying particular attention to vv15-21. How might this translate today?
- The rest of the song demonstrates the result of 'abandoning God,' which is ultimately death: physical and spiritual. Translate this into the parable. What is the best way to avoid this end?
- Jesus talks about being 'rich towards God'. How might you do this?

### OUT

Impact

***'Investing in self and security leads to spiritual bankruptcy' David E.***

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Would you be ready to give to God a final accounting of your heart's investment?

How might we respond to Jesus's challenging message? What one thing can you change?