

Serial Killers - A Foolish Way to Die

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 29-30, 2011

Community:

1. What is your most prized possession (family heirloom, car, etc.) and why is it so prized?
2. Have you ever received anything in an inheritance that you regretted getting?
3. Where do you see greed most apparent in society today?

Core:

1. Read Luke 12:13-15. Why do you think these men tried dragging Jesus into their fight?
2. Jesus talks about "all kinds of greed." What are some different kinds of greed you think Jesus is referring to here?
3. Why do we fall into the trap thinking we're defined or measured by how much stuff we have?
4. Read Luke 12:16. Jim explained how Jesus makes His point with this one sentence. What is the singular point Jesus is trying to make here?
5. Who (actually) owns the ground? Who makes it rain? Who's in charge of the sun?
6. Where can we fall into similar traps regarding our stuff? Our jobs? Our families?
7. Read Luke 12:17-19 and discuss what's right or wrong about the rich man's attitude here.
8. Is Jesus trying to tell us it's wrong to want to prosper and grow? Why?
9. In Luke 12:20 God calls the rich man a fool. What was so foolish about him?
10. How often do you factor in your own death into day-to-day life's equation?
11. Read Luke 12:21. What does it mean, and what does it look like, to be "rich towards God"?
12. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What is the "treasure" Jesus is referring to here? Memories or money?
13. Do you agree that we reveal where our heart is by where (and how) we spend our money?
14. Read Matthew 6:33-34. How do we truly go about seeking God's kingdom first?
15. Jim said we need to prioritize giving to the things of God before we worry about getting our own things. Is that a real and practical solution to financial troubles? How?
16. How did you feel when Jim confessed his own financial struggles and failures?

Challenge:

1. Take Jim up on his dare...give some money away this week to something (or someone) and see how God reveals Himself like never before.
2. Move your "pride line" out—if you're struggling financially and need help, call the church and set up an appointment with Michael Koehn or attend the Financial Workshop on February 12, 2011. (flatironschurch.com/workshops)



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Weekend Services | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm