

Family Faith Discussion Questions

For Sunday October 9, 2022

Whether you worship with us online or in-person, you may find these questions helpful in starting meaningful faith discussions at home.

Scripture: Luke 12:13-21

Helpful Background:

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What is a Parable?

There are many stories in the Gospel called Parables. This was a specific style of narrative story that Jesus liked to use to teach the disciples, the crowds who would gather, and to teach us about God's love and God's work in the world. A parable is simply a story that teaches a moral or spiritual lesson. Even though we don't call them parables, we use stories like this all the time, even outside the church. Many children's fables and nursery rhymes teach moral lessons.

Parables is the name of this kind of story in Scripture. This was Jesus' favorite way to teach people.

Our passage this morning comes from the Gospel of Luke and right before our passage, Jesus has been traveling around, teaching and healing people. The Pharisees and scribes are unhappy by Jesus' teachings and are looking for a chance to catch him saying something wrong or making a mistake they can use against him. But the crowds continue to come to hear Jesus. Jesus is teaching a crowd and our passage begins with a man yelling from the crowd, asking Jesus to make his brother share their inheritance with him. Jesus replies but then goes on to use the parable of the Rich Fool to help the crowd understand his point.

Questions:

- What do you think of Jesus' response to the man who yelled from the crowd? (verse 14)
- Does this parable leave you with any questions or confusion?
- What do you think the parable is saying, if you didn't have verse 21 to somewhat explain it?
- What do you think the rich farmer should have done when he had more than would fit in his barns?
- Have you ever had more than you needed of something? What did you do?
- Can you relate to the rich farmer's struggle?
- What does it mean to be "rich towards God"?
- Based on your understanding of this parable, is there anything you think God would want you to change about how you live your life?