

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Fear Not

LUKE 12:22-34

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

OBSERVE, INTERPRET & APPLY // LUKE 12:22-34

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Jesus reminds us we need not be anxious because the Father cares for us.

1. Read Luke 12.
2. What major themes do you see in this chapter?
3. How do verses 22-34 fit into the overall context of Jesus' teaching?
4. Notice the "therefore" in verse 22. How does this connect back to verses 13-21?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "don't be anxious about your life..."? Why would the disciples be anxious about these things? What might we be anxious about?
6. What is Jesus point about life in verse 23? When Jesus speaks of "life" here and back in verse 15, what does he mean?
7. In verses 24-28 what reasons does Jesus give for not being anxious? What would it look like for us to "consider" these things as Jesus commands us to do?
8. In verses 29-30, Jesus calls us again to not worry. What reasons does he give? What does it mean to "seek the kingdom"? What does it mean "these things will be added to you"? How do we seek the Kingdom?
9. Re-read verses 29-34. Notice that term "little flock." What appears to be Jesus' tone in this text? Why is his tone important to consider as we hear the command "Fear not"?
10. Notice that Jesus says, "it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." What does this tell us about the character of God? What does it mean to "give [us] the kingdom"? How does that lead us to fear not?
11. What is Jesus' point in verses 33-34? How does this relate back to not being anxious?
12. How does this passage point us to the cross of Christ? How does this passage point us to heaven?

- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: How are you doing with all that's going on in the world?