

## LOOK BACK

### Talk

- What are you thankful for today?
- What is causing you stress? What are you anxious about today?
- Who do you know that needs our help and how can we help them?
- Last week, we looked at the story of the good Samaritan...what did you do differently this week because of this story? Did you tell anyone the story...if so, how did they react to it?

## LOOK UP

### Read & Retell

- One person reads Luke 12:13-34 out loud and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the story and others fill in what is missing.

### Discussion Questions

#### Luke 12:13-21

- 1) What did the man in the crowd say to Jesus?
- 2) What did Jesus say to guard against in verse 15? Why?
- 3) What did the man in Jesus' parable do? Why?
- 4) What was important to this man? What were his plans for the future?
- 5) What happened to the man? What happened to his things?

#### Luke 12:22-34

- 1) What (or who?) are we usually focusing on when we are worried?
- 2) In verses 24 and 27, what does Jesus tell his disciples to consider? Why?
- 3) What does he name as the root of their worry in verse 28?
- 4) What (or who?) are we usually focusing on when our faith is strong?
- 5) Instead of abundance, what should we be seeking for lasting security (v31)? What do you think Jesus means when he says, "...seek his kingdom?" What is his kingdom?

## LOOK FORWARD

### Application Questions

- 1) Imagine that you are the man in the parable with an abundance of possessions, how might the story look different if you were seeking God's kingdom instead of your own?
- 2) What are 3 acts of generosity you can take this week as you seek the kingdom? (Think of generosity in terms of your time, abilities, and possessions)

### Inside me

- According to today's study, what am I doing well as I follow Christ?
- What do I need to change?

### Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story, and how can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?