

Small Group Discussion Guide

Series: What Is a Better Question?

Week 2: The Secret of Meaningful

Key Passage: Luke 12:13–21

This week's conversation builds on Jesus' warning that it's easy to drift into a life that feels full—but lacks meaning. As a group, we'll explore how subtle choices shape the direction of our lives, and how intentional generosity helps us stay on the path that leads to purpose.

1. Have you ever missed an exit and ended up somewhere you didn't plan to go?

2. Scripture: Have someone read Luke 12:13–21.

- Discuss briefly:
- What request does the man bring to Jesus?
- What warning does Jesus give before telling the parable?
- What assumptions does the rich man make about his possessions and his future?

3. Discussion: The Highway of Life

- Why does Jesus tell people to “be on guard” against greed?
- Why is greed (pleonexia) so difficult to recognize in ourselves?
- How does our culture encourage a happiness quest more than a meaning quest?
- Have you ever chosen a path toward meaning, only to drift back without realizing it?

4. What Breaks Your Heart? Jesus invites us to ask a better question than “What should I do about me?”

- When you hear the question “What breaks your heart?”, what comes to mind?
- What might change if your heart aligned more closely with what breaks God's heart?
- Does it break your heart that people close to you don't know God's grace, love, or purpose?

5. Application: Choosing Meaning.

Jesus teaches that generosity is the antidote to greed.

- What is one specific way you could live more generously this week—
- with your time, resources, influence, or attention?
- What might you need to let go of to move toward a more meaningful life?

Conclusion:

Meaning doesn't come from having more or doing more for ourselves—it comes from aligning our lives with what matters most to God. As you leave tonight, consider where you may need to be more intentional and what next step could help your life make a lasting difference.

Pray together, asking God to:

- Reveal where greed may be quietly shaping your decisions
- Help you recognize the off-ramps toward meaning
- Give you courage to live generously and intentionally

Pray this week:

“God, give me the courage to live generously with everything you've entrusted to me.”