

Use this guide to engage in further discussion about today's message, applying it to your heart in a personal way. Feel free to alter questions to fit children in your family.

Follow this simple outline:

1. Sit down together with no distractions.
2. Have a member of the family open in prayer.
3. Read all or a portion of the sermon text.
4. Work through the discussion questions. Encourage your family to talk.
5. Share ways to apply the sermon to life
6. Close in prayer.

**Time Commitment:**  
15-20 Minutes

### Discussion Questions:

1. This text directly addresses unbelieving wealthy landowners. If you have never trusted Christ, these verses warn us of eternal judgment and will lead you to repentance and faith. What is an acceptable reaction to these verses if you are a Christian?
2. To maintain an eternal perspective, these verses require us to ask ourselves questions:

**Do I hoard?**

**Am I guilty of an overaccumulation of wealth?**

**Have I defrauded someone and not giving someone who worked for me their due?**

**Is there financial deception in my life?**

**Have I developed an ungodly taste for self-indulgence?**

**Are there any ungodly excesses in my life?**

**Have I victimized another because of an advantage that I have over them?**

3. How can I live out the teaching of James 5:1-6 and make missions giving a priority? What is God calling our family to give this Christmas for missions? Are there other ways, like going on a mission trip or getting involved in local missions, that would deepen our faithfulness to the Lord?
4. Luke 12:16-21 is a parable of Jesus that teaches us how to be rich toward God. Read this parable as a family and talk about it. How has God lavished his riches on us (Ephesians 1:8) through the gospel? How can live in a way that is "rich toward God"?

