

Study Questions for the January 10, 2021 Sermon:
“What If There is Not Enough?”
Luke 12:22-34

1. In Luke 12:22, Jesus tells his disciples not to be anxious about life, food, or clothing. Yet Jesus states in Luke 14:28 *For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?:*
 - a. In those two example, is Jesus contradicting himself?
 - b. If not, what is the difference between the behavior being promoted in Luke 14 and the behavior being forbidden in Luke 12?
 - c. How do we prevent the good behavior described in Luke 14 from degenerating into anxiety?
2. Memory Question: In Luke 12:23, Jesus said that *life is more than food, and the body more than clothing*. On what aspects of life did Pastor Paul say that Jesus was encouraging us to focus?
3. In Luke 12:24 and 27, Jesus reminds us of how God takes care of birds and flowers, and in verse 28, Jesus says that God cares more about us. What characteristics of humanity make us more important than plants or other animals? Support your answer with scripture if possible.
4. Pastor Paul said a good indicator of our true values is where our mind goes when we are completing some task that does not require all of our mental energy. In other words, when our circumstances permit us to think, ruminate, pray or fantasize, what occupies our thought life? If you have a strategy for keeping your thought life healthy and God-glorifying, please share it.
5. 20% of Americans say they feel stressed out every day, and 60% say they feel stressed out once a week. Only 10% say they never feel stressed. (David Guzik). If an unbelieving friend is struggling with stress, how might you counsel her?
6. In Luke 12:31, Jesus teaches the disciples to *seek his (God's) kingdom, and these things will be added to you*.
 - a. What does seeking God’s kingdom look like?
 - b. How would you answer someone who believes that Jesus, in this verse, is promising his followers prosperity?