

OCTOBER 28

# RED LETTER JESUS

A look at Jesus' own words and  
what He calls us to do.

## SERMON DISCUSSION SHEET

### CONNECT

**Each week, questions will be provided to help individuals and groups connect with the sermon and grow deeper in faith. The following questions, prompts and discussion points are meant to help guide both personal devotion and small group conversation. Be open and flexible to additional questions.**

- Encourage everyone to share a highlight or lowlight from their week.
- Was there anything that caught your attention or challenged you from the message?

### GROW

What makes you feel most content?

Do you consider yourself rich? Do you consider yourself generous? Explain your answers.

Contentment is the theme for the month in Children's Ministry. Contentment is deciding to be okay with what you have. The life verse is Luke 12:15: "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." Rephrase this into words a child would understand.

What are ways we can teach our kids now how to have good priorities later?

Define the American Dream. What would Jesus say about the American Dream.

How do we involve our kids in giving? How should allowances be approached? Money we give our children for chores? Money we give them, so we can teach financial responsibility? Both?

Does what we say to our kids and how we act match? Do we tell them not to want what so and so has, but then we are buying the latest thing we want? How do we teach kids to be financially responsible when we go to Amazon for everything we "need"?

Read Deuteronomy 6:5 and Matthew 22:37. How do these words relate to the parable in Luke 12?

Read Matthew 6:1-4. How does one become "rich toward God"? Can someone with wealth also be "rich toward God"?

In the King James Version of the Bible, the word "covetousness" is used in Luke 12:15 instead of greed. Does this change the meaning? It also uses "Soul" instead of "myself" in Luke 12:19. Does this change the meaning?

**Refer to the back of this sheet for prompts to use throughout the week during chair time.**

## CHAIR TIME PROMPTS

### GO

**The following questions and prompts are meant to be answered individually, throughout the week during "chair time" or times of personal reflection.**

- Jesus talks about priorities. List some priorities in your life. What are they? Are there some that rank higher than others? Consider how you live. Do your priorities line up with the way you live, schedule your day and time and energy?
- "Living simply, Not hoarding wealth for ourselves, Trusting God to meet our basic material needs are all practices that free us to offer generosity to and seek justice for and with the poor and hungry, and in general, to follow Jesus." (Kingdom Ethics) Which of these is hardest for you (living simply, not hoarding, trusting God? Spend a 5-10 *quiet* minutes considering this question. What is one tangible way you can lean into the practice you named?
- Listen to the song "American Dream" by Casting Crowns. Listen to it again and note any words that stand out to you. Consider how the song makes your feel. Is there anything God can show you through the lyrics of the song? Are there other songs that you can listen to and do this same practice?
- Read Matthew 25:31-46. How does this apply to Luke 12:13-21?
- Read 1 Timothy 6: 6-10, 17-19. How does this apply to Luke 12:13-21?

