

WE'RE SO GLAD

YOU'RE HERE TODAY!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The team at the Westwood Kids desk is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.



Life Transformed is a four-week experience that will equip you, encourage you and challenge you to grow in your faith. It will also be a catalyst to help you get involved at Westwood. If you have not yet taken a step of involvement, or if you're looking for a new start, Life Transformed is for you.

Chanhassen: Sundays, August 5–26, 10:30am–12:00pm

Minnetonka: Sundays, August 5–26, 11:30am–1:00pm

Luke 12:13–21 (NIV)

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'" "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

What is Jesus doing through this parable?

Confronting:

Issuing a warning:

Painting a picture of what matters most:

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How does this story stir you? In what ways does it shape your personal journey?
Share your thoughts on Westwood's social media!

Tell Me A Story ♦ July 29, 2018 ♦ Brian Suter

IN THE END, WHAT REALLY MATTERS? THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

BIBLE READING PLAN

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

You can find it on our app or at westwoodcc.org/readingplan

- Deuteronomy 8:18
- Proverbs 3:9-10
- Proverbs 11:1-6
- Ecclesiastes 5:10-12
- 1 Timothy 6:17-19

TELL ME A STORY

Tell Me a Story #6 – In the End, What Really Matters?

The Parable of the Rich Fool

July 29th, 2018

1. There are two questions at the end of each of these Tell Me a Story Messages: Share your answers to these with each other.
 - a. How does this story stir you?
 - b. How does this story shape how you live out your own story?

If you as a group have not given thought to them – start with 5 minutes to think & answer them, and then share.

2. Read the parable Luke 12:13-21. As you read this parable – what resonates with you? Is there one idea that emerges, and if so what is it?
3. We have talked about three purposes that Jesus uses parables for. How do you see Jesus using this parable in these three ways?
 - a. Putting the Kingdom of God on Display:
 - b. Confronting those who had it wrong:
 - c. For our understanding so we can live in the kingdom:
4. As Jesus Confronts – he’s aiming at greed. How does this parable come to life when you think of it from the angle of it being a confrontation against a greed that is toxic for us and our souls?
5. Jesus is also issuing a warning: Greed is sneaky. “Be on your guard against all types of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” When you think about your everyday life – how have you experienced the sneakiness of greed?
6. Most important: Jesus is painting a picture of a compelling vision of “Being Rich in God.” It’s the antidote to the foolishness of greed. Brian offered 6 ideas of what that looks like:
 - a. Love God and cultivate a healthy soul.
 - b. Love people and enjoy those in your life.
 - c. Live vocationally
 - d. Extend generosity
 - e. Focus eternally
 - f. Practice gratitude

Which one of these grabs you the most – and which one do you sense God nudging you to live more into with him? *You could have multiples, and even something in all 6 of these ideas.*

Pray with and for one another to close your group – for general needs, and for things that this sermon particularly stirs in you.