

SOMETHING NEEDS TO CHANGE



A Call to Make Your Life Count
in a World of Urgent Need

DISCUSSION GUIDE #8: **SESSION 5 – OPPORTUNITIES**

START

- Share your SOAP Journal Entry from this last week.
- What do you do for a living? How did you become involved in that line of work?
- What do you enjoy doing in your free time? What friendships have you formed through these interests?

TEACHING NOTES: *Day 5: Nurses, Teachers, and Trout-Poop Experts*

DISCUSS

- Read Luke 12:16-21. What is the difference between rich in earthly wealth and rich in our relationship with God? How might some people confuse success in their career with a healthy relationship to God?
- What are some current issues that cause you to worry?
Read Luke 12:22-34. Name several reasons from this passage why we don't need to worry? Why is that hard to apply sometimes?
- In verse 32, what did Jesus mean when He called the disciples "little flock"? How does this term reflect His care for them? For us?
- Read Luke 12:35-48. Describe the attitude of a watchful servant in verses 35-38. How would being watchful look for us today? What is the surprising reward for a watchful servant explained in verse 37? How does that make you feel?
- What is the difference between an attitude of worry and watchfulness?
- According to verse 48, what is the responsibility of someone who has been given much?

PRAYER

- Think of some of the blessings you have been given (include your career, hobbies, relationships discussed above) and thank God for them. Ask him how you can use these gifts for his glory and to help those around you.
- Pray for the people of the Himalayas and your list of three.

SOAP JOURNAL EXERCISE WEEK 8

Read: Luke 13

S – Scripture – Choose one verse from the scripture above and hand write it below.

O – Observation – Describe in your own words what you think the verse is saying. Explore words and phrases and try to put down what you “see” in this verse. You can even re-write the verse in your own words.

A – Application – Write down what you should do because of what this verse says. It may be something you need to keep doing, stop doing, or start new. Make it as detailed and specific as possible.

P – Prayer – Write a prayer thanking God for speaking to you, and ask him to help you focus on what he has said and what you should do.