



Icebreaker

- How do you view roundabouts? You know the kind on University Avenue?

[Watch Dave's teaching up to 8:35.](#)

Conversation Guide

Can you identify a confirmation bias of yours? Tell the group about it.

What is your response to Dave's statement that two families, same, house, car, kids, income and expenses can have two very different stories they tell themselves about their resources?

Read Mark 12:41-44 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

What do you notice in this story?

What is the difference between giving out of your wealth and giving out of your poverty?

What do you make of Dave's statement that there is a spiritual nature to giving?

Read Luke 12:16-21 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."

How can you misinterpret this story?

How can you plan for the future **and** be rich towards God? Why be rich toward God?

Dave said, "It is hard for those of us afflicted by affluence to be rich towards God. If you live in the US you are affluent by world standards. Do you agree? Why or why not?"

Why is it so easy to believe and live like our security is found in the size of our barn? How would you need to adjust the story you tell yourself to change where you find security? How do people come to view their resources as a story of God's grace and provision?