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"Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. 'Zacchaeus!' he said. 'Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.' Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. 'He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,' they grumbled. Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, 'I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!' Jesus responded, 'Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost." Luke 19:1-10

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Memory Verse

"You know the generous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty he could make you rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO. . .

- O Memorize 2 Corinthians 8:9
- O Ask God to show me whether I'm living with a clenched fist or an open hand
- O Learn about opportunities to bless others through CAREPORTAL
- O Get the most out of today's message by attending my Life Group this week







QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Enough", summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

GETTING STARTED

- Who is someone who stands out in your mind that has learned to live with enough and used their resources to bless others?
- How has your upbringing affected the way you measure enough in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In Luke 12:13-21, Jesus tells a story of a rich man who didn't understand the principle of enough. Read the passage together. In verse 15, Jesus says, "life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Why do you think it's so easy for us to buy into the lie that it does?

Jesus tells us to be aware of "all kinds of greed." (v.15) Are there other kinds of greed than material greed? If so, what might they be?

Often this parable is called the parable of the rich fool. What do you think the parable of the rich, wise man would have looked like?

Do you think "building bigger barns" is ever the wise thing to do?

Do you have anything stored up in a barn for yourself that God might want to use for His kingdom today?

2. In 1 Timothy 6:17-19, the Apostle Paul provides instruction for those who find themselves with more than enough. Read the passage together. Do you think you qualify as "rich" in this present world? Why or why not?

Why do you think those who are rich are especially susceptible to pride?

How do you think the Apostle Paul would describe the good life?

How might Paul's words challenge those who feel entitled to the things they've earned?

Do you find yourself investing more in the treasures of this world or in the world to come?

What change might you need to make in the weeks to come considering your answer?

TAKING IT HOME

- Share with a group an area in your life where you are living with a clenched fist. Ask the group to pray that you can begin living with an open hand before God.
- Make a list of the different areas in life where God has provided you enough. Use that to guide your prayers this week as you give thanks for God's provision.

PRAYER REQUESTS