

# WEEK 8: THE IDOL OF SECURITY

**Ice Breaker:** What is something you are looking forward to?

*This week, we heard about the idol of security. Simply put, “security” is the idea that “if \_\_\_\_\_, then I’ll be ok”. However you fill in the blank - good or bad - it’s an idol of security. These idols shape us to be more self-centered, more insecure, and more alone, and worst of all, will not last. The only thing that truly fills in our blank is the love of God in Christ. So let’s talk about how to believe it and live like it!*

## Getting Started.

- Did anything stand out to you or hit you personally from this Sunday’s message?

## Seeking Security in the Blank.

- How have you tried to fill in the blank in the past, and seen it come up empty?
- How do you think you try to fill in the blank now?
- What does our world/culture tell us we need in order to be secure?

## The Foolishness of Banking on the Blank (read Luke 12:13-21).

- How do you identify with the man in the parable?
- How has your quest to fill in the blank made you someone you don’t want to be?
- How does an idol of security make you more self-centered?
- Can you think of a time where seeking security in an idol makes you more insecure? Share.
- Almost nothing is guaranteed in life. When has this reality come back to bite you?

## The Promise of Real Security (read Luke 12:22-34).

- How does this simple teaching of Jesus challenge you personally?
- The word “strive” and “striving” comes up a lot.
  - Negatively, how does ‘strive’ feel more like ‘strife’ for you?
  - Positively, when does ‘striving’ feel more like ‘living’ for you?
- What would it mean to replace your sowing/reaping/storing/toiling/etc. with trusting God?
  - What would you need to give up? What would you need to take up?
- If you could trust your Father like how Jesus commands, how would your life change?
- How can we help you to believe like this and live like this?
- BONUS POINT: how does Luke 12:33-34 enlighten us further on how to break the power of this idol in our lives?

## LET’S PRAY!

### Breaking the power of this idol in our lives.

Break up into groups of 3-4 (M/F) and share any prayer needs you have. Share with one another the blank that you need to fill in with the promise of the real security of God’s love in Christ. Then pray for one another - that God would imprint that on our hearts. And remember: this week we are praying for other local churches, so don’t forget to pray for them too.

