



# THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: FOCUS: LEARNING TO SEE CLEARLY**

**TITLE: PERISCOPE**

**SCRIPTURE: LUKE 12:13-21**

## **One Thing Follow-up:**

**The story about the Prodigal Son was a picture of God's love for us and how he continually calls for us to Come Home.**

Q. How does this information comfort you?

## **Opening**

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture. Christians need to be people of Scripture now, maybe more than ever.

## **Series Review**

We are continuing in the series this week called Focus: Learning to see clearly. This series will focus on the parables shared by Jesus. These parables will both challenge us and instruct us. We will see this week that we need God's help to see above and over or issues of life using a Periscope..

## **Review the Message**

**Read Luke 12:13**

**The relationship between the two brothers is broken.**

Q. What would you ask Jesus if you had one chance to talk to him?

Q. How does being able to see over and around our struggles using a periscope or God's view help us?

**Read Luke 12:14**

**Jesus rebukes the man for asking him to mediate the issues in this broken relationship.**

Q. Share a time when someone has asked you to mediate in an issue and how it made you feel.

**Read Luke 12:15**

**Jesus goes to the heart of the matter and warns about greed.**

Q. What is the one possession you can't get rid of?

Q. If you can, share how you feel after a mission trip or after participating in a ministry.

**Read Luke 12:16-21**

Q. When was the last time you were the Mayor of "I" ville?

Q. Share a time when you took credit for yourself rather than giving God the credit.

**When things get bad we become the center of our universe. We do the same thing when things go good. We have a constant bedt to ourselves.**

Q. Where would be a good "place" to store your things?

**Take it easy; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.**

Q. What would it take for you to be able to make this possible in your life?

**It's not about money or things. This is about who is at the center of your universe. Is it you? Or God?**

Q. Are you sometimes jealous of those that have a lot of money?

Q. How can we feel that we are poor, but really be rich?

**Being rich towards God means responding to life in a way that honors him. Whether in plessing or difficulty. We honor God through service and compassion.**

Q. Share a time when you questioned God's love for you.

**You don't need to think God will abandon you and you don't need to think you need to twist his arm. God enjoys taking care of you.**

**Read Luke 12:31**

**There will be times of plenty, times of little, great times, and times when things are falling apart. We also know that we can be in some of these times longer in one or the other.**



Q. What season are you in right now?

Q. How have you learned to seek God first?

**God isn't after your skill or your strength, his is interested in the posture of your heart. When your heart is right, everything else falls into place.**

Q. "But seek his kingdom," What does this mean in your current situation?

**The work God needs to do in you is far greater than the work you think he needs to do through you.**

Q. How do you explain the above statement?

**Living It  
Out  
Application**

We tend to ask, "Why?" You rarely get an answer when you ask, "Why?" You always get an answer when you ask, "How can I glorify God today?"

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

**Prayer:**

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?