

Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 2 October 2022 Harvest Service

1. What struck you most from Sunday's Service?

On Sunday we read, and Paul preached from one passage of Luke 12. Each passage in the whole chapter tackles the question of what it means to be 'rich toward God' (v21), in a world where God's values contrast with Society's values.

Let's look briefly at excerpts from each section of the chapter to build up the whole picture.

Please read Luke 12.4-12

2. In this passage, how does Jesus describe the attitude and behaviour that God values – that will make us 'rich toward God'?

Please read Luke 12.13-21

- 3. What kind of attitude and behaviour does Jesus warn against?
- 4. What kind of behaviour and attitude represents being 'rich toward God'?

Please read Luke 12.22-34

- 5. How does Jesus explain what is truly valuable to God in contrast with what is valuable to the world?
- 6. How does this help us to live lives that are 'rich toward God', and avoid needless worry at the same time?
- 7. Why do you think that 'richness toward God' necessitates both 'publicly acknowledge me before others' (v8), and 'Sell your possessions and give to the poor' (v33), and not simply one or the other?

Please read Luke 12.35-40

8. Jesus is at pains to emphasis that there is a time of accountability in view for all of us. How should this affect our attitude and behaviour in being 'rich toward God'?