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**Welcome to New River!**  
Come on in and look around a little. Take some time to ask some questions. If you'd like something to drink or eat, stop and pick that up as well. While you are here, relax. We hope you feel comfortable, accepted, engaged, and inspired.

**Community Group Prayer Requests:**

**New River Prayer Requests**  
1. Pray for the team ministering in Kenya this week. Pray that many people would know Jesus as a result of their ministry.  
2. Pray that families at New River would take time to worship Christ this Christmas season.  
3. Pray for those in our community who have been effected most by the current economy. Ask God to use New River to meet their needs.  
4. Pray that more and more people at New River would be connected in genuine Christian community.

**What do we have for kids?**  
**Kidz Kove** is for your **Preschool** aged children. It's a clean and secure environment where they will be well taken care of and taught a practical and easy to understand lesson from the Bible.  
**River Kidz** is for your **Elementary School** age children in grades K-5. Here they will sing, play games, and learn the Bible from well trained leaders in small groups.  
**Middle School or High School**, bring them on into worship with you. We have The Plunge on Friday Nights for Middle School Students and The Well on Sunday Nights for High School Students. Be sure to check **www.nrcc.net** each week for specific dates, news, and info.

**Wondering what happens in worship?**  
We usually start our time of worship together by singing. Don't know the songs? Don't worry. We didn't know them either at first. After we sing, one of our pastors will teach from the Bible. If you didn't bring a Bible with you, and you'd like to follow along, we'll project the scriptures so you can. After our time of teaching we usually sing another song or two. If there is anything we can help you with, please swing by our Information Desk in the Lobby. **Our Mission is to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.**

# MESSAGE NOTES

**Notes:**  
**What Really Matters?**  
Dec. 5th & 6th

Lined writing area for message notes.



**What Really Matters?**  
Does it really matter whether I am a follower or a leader? Many times we follow for all the wrong reasons or maybe we just don't have enough information to make a decision. There are a lot of things out there that are good but does God really want us to choose what is best? We will look at three things that each of us should take a look at what matters in life as we dig into Luke 12:1-21

## Quick Overview

My takeaway from this message is:

This week I am going to:

Looking back over your sermon notes, was there any particular point or passage of scripture that most challenged, confused, or caught your attention?

## Sharing

1. Who is the most famous person you have ever met?
2. How did that make you feel? Impressed? Not?

## Exploring

Read Luke 11 and 12:1-21

1. In light of what has taken place in Luke 11, why do you think the crowds following Jesus were so large?
2. Do you find it easier to follow the crowd or not? (Think about even if it seems to be the right thing)

## Exploring Continued...

3. Read John 7:5 and Acts 1:14
  - a. In what ways do we fail to acknowledge Jesus in our lives today?
  - b. Why is there always hope for people who reject the message of Jesus?
4. a. Is there a connection between greed and selfishness?
  - b. How should we view our stuff? How much is too much?

## Next Steps

1. Memorize Proverbs 19:17
2. As you re-read verses 13-21, do you feel a need to re-evaluate how you look at your stuff? What tangible thing can you as an individual or a group do to show generosity this coming week?

## What is a Community Group?

Community groups are small gatherings of people (Christian and non) that meet regularly for friendship, accountability, study, prayer, laughter and occasionally tears. These groups are an essential expression of the mission of New River.

Community groups are the place where we wrestle with the truths of the Bible and encourage one another toward the life that God intends for us. They are a place where we learn more about growing in our relationship with Jesus, and lives together.

Each community group is unique, shaped by the people who attend. At the heart of each community group is the desire to see authentic community marked by love for Jesus, one another, and the community. For more info email [dan@nrcc.net](mailto:dan@nrcc.net)

# New River News

## Shoebox Packing *December 10th*

December 10th 6pm - 9pm NRCC adults will join together at the OCC Warehouse to prepare and pack the shoeboxes that have come in from churches all over the United States to be delivered across the globe.

## All Volunteer Meeting *December 12th*

If you currently volunteer at New River you are invited to attend a very important meeting following the Saturday evening service on Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at the South Campus. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30pm and should last about 30 minutes. This meeting is for every single person who volunteers at New River, from the folks who help out in the office to the people who lead Community Groups. We want you at this meeting, so we can tell you how much we appreciate your service and to let you know some important information as we are closing out this year. Please make plans to attend. Childcare and dessert will be provided. Contact our Connections Pastor, Dan Dyszelski at [dan@nrcc.net](mailto:dan@nrcc.net).

## Christmas Eve Services *December 24th*

North Campus at 4pm, 5pm & 6pm.

## Worship Service Times:

*South Campus*  
6pm Saturday  
10:15am Sunday

*North Campus*  
9:15am Sunday  
11:15am Sunday