

KEY THOUGHTS

- Most of us have had moments when we've neglected something important and thought, "Oh no, I wish I woulda done that."
- Caring for the soul is that much more important.
- Our soul is the non-physical part of the person - emotions, intellect, will, as well as spirit, which relates directly with the Lord.
- Our tendency is to pay most attention to what our most urgent and pressing issues are. The soul rarely screams at us for its needs. The farm-owner in Luke 12:16-21 certainly did this.
- Forfeiting our soul (Mark 8:36) is a painful description. We would certainly go back and change this.

SCRIPTURES

- John 12:27
- John 13:21
- Luke 1:45-46
- Luke 12:16-21
- Mark 8:36
- See Matthew 13:1-23 for future weeks
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PRACTICAL & REFLECT

- We have an often unspoken, yet deep need to cultivate our soul. This is true whether we're already following Jesus or not.
- Cultivating does not happen naturally.
- It takes work to cultivate. Lock in with us over these weeks, and do some extra reflection throughout the week.
- It takes sacrifice to cultivate. Don't give up just because you "lose something." The reverse of Jesus' statement is also true: "For what does it benefit to gain your soul but lose the whole world?" EVERYTHING!
- It takes patience to cultivate. Don't lose heart even if you don't see immediate results.