

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

*"Bond Together/Grow Together"*

**For the week of 8-28-2022**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Think about the scariest carnival rides. Do you do them? Do you worry that they might fall apart or malfunction? Why do you ride them?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Read aloud Luke 12:1-34 - God's Got This!

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Read aloud Proverbs 3:1-12. In verses 1-4 what are we being called to do and what are the promises related to those actions? Your experience?
2. In verses 5 and 6, again what actions are you called to and what are God's related promises? Speak of your experience related to these truths.
3. In verses 7-10 what direction and promises are spoken of? What are the ways you can personalize these in your life?
4. In verses 11 and 12, the Proverb writer addresses being under God's discipline. Can you speak of how this has been a part of your life and were you able to come to feel God's delight in you through it all?
5. In the Luke passage, focus on verses 11 and 12. It is not likely that we in America will be brought to a court trial based on us being Christians, but the world has us on trial. Talk about the confidence these two verses can give you facing scrutiny and attack in the public square.

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?