



# small groups

Winter 2018

---

**Gilead Lake Group**  
**Sunday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Tyson and Lisa Franks  
867 Gilead Lake Road, Bronson  
Contact: David Minard  
(517) 756-8000

**Bronson "B" Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Jim and Anna Mae Wickey  
389 Bawden Road, Bronson  
Contact: Jim Wickey  
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group**  
**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Scott and Jan Carpenter  
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater  
Contact: Scott Carpenter  
(517) 278-3376

**Youth Study Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Bidwells  
617 Gilead Lake Drive, Bronson  
Contact: Sharon McMeen  
(517) 227-7540

**Bronson "A" Group**  
**Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Solano and Jennie deAraujo  
974 Dewsenberry Road, Bronson  
Contact: Frank Cabrera  
(517) 369-9783

**East Gilead Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Location: BGCC  
Contact: Brandon Carpenter  
(989) 277-5988



# small groups

Winter 2018

---

**Gilead Lake Group**  
**Sunday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Tyson and Lisa Franks  
867 Gilead Lake Road, Bronson  
Contact: David Minard  
(517) 756-8000

**Bronson "B" Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Jim and Anna Mae Wickey  
389 Bawden Road, Bronson  
Contact: Jim Wickey  
(517) 369-6229

**Coldwater Group**  
**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Scott and Jan Carpenter  
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater  
Contact: Scott Carpenter  
(517) 278-3376

**Youth Study Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Hosts: Bidwells  
617 Gilead Lake Drive, Bronson  
Contact: Sharon McMeen  
(517) 227-7540

**Bronson "A" Group**  
**Wednesday 6:00 p.m.**

Hosts: Solano and Jennie deAraujo  
974 Dewsenberry Road, Bronson  
Contact: Frank Cabrera  
(517) 369-9783

**East Gilead Group**  
**Thursday 6:30 p.m.**

Location: BGCC  
Contact: Brandon Carpenter  
(989) 277-5988



## Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 21, 2018

*Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to speak to each group member through the instruction given in his word.*

- I. We have kicked off 2018 looking at three “prime time” parables that help us access the meaning of our lives in line with God’s purposes for us in the new year. In Luke 12, Jesus tells the parable entitled “The Rich Fool”. What comes to mind when you hear the word “fool”? How do we determine if something or someone is foolish? To the contrary, how do you define wisdom? What does a wise person tend to do? Any examples?
- II. Read [Luke 12:16-21](#). What do you perceive to be the philosophy of life of this wealthy farmer? How is this philosophy promoted in America today? Do Christians ever buy into this philosophy? Explain your answer.
- III. How does God assess the man’s ideas in verse 20? Jesus said a better philosophy is to be “rich toward God”. What does this mean and what would this look like in someone’s life? Any examples?
- IV. A typical response to this idea is “If I’m rich toward God, how will I take care of all my life needs and necessities”? How would you answer this? Now read [Luke 12:22-31](#). He uses birds and flowers as examples. What do they illustrate for us? What should preoccupy our thoughts if not our daily needs and necessities (verse 31)? Explain how someone could practically seek God’s kingdom first in their daily living. How can we better promote this as a church?

*Close your group in prayer. Take a few moments to check yourself. Are you being wise or foolish in the way you live? Is greed a problem for you? Are you worried and nervous about your life needs, or are you truly trusting God daily? Ask him to redirect your focus if necessary.*



## Small Group Discussion Guide

Week of January 21, 2018

*Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to speak to each group member through the instruction given in his word.*

- I. We have kicked off 2018 looking at three “prime time” parables that help us access the meaning of our lives in line with God’s purposes for us in the new year. In Luke 12, Jesus tells the parable entitled “The Rich Fool”. What comes to mind when you hear the word “fool”? How do we determine if something or someone is foolish? To the contrary, how do you define wisdom? What does a wise person tend to do? Any examples?
- II. Read [Luke 12:16-21](#). What do you perceive to be the philosophy of life of this wealthy farmer? How is this philosophy promoted in America today? Do Christians ever buy into this philosophy? Explain your answer.
- III. How does God assess the man’s ideas in verse 20? Jesus said a better philosophy is to be “rich toward God”. What does this mean and what would this look like in someone’s life? Any examples?
- IV. A typical response to this idea is “If I’m rich toward God, how will I take care of all my life needs and necessities”? How would you answer this? Now read [Luke 12:22-31](#). He uses birds and flowers as examples. What do they illustrate for us? What should preoccupy our thoughts if not our daily needs and necessities (verse 31)? Explain how someone could practically seek God’s kingdom first in their daily living. How can we better promote this as a church?

*Close your group in prayer. Take a few moments to check yourself. Are you being wise or foolish in the way you live? Is greed a problem for you? Are you worried and nervous about your life needs, or are you truly trusting God daily? Ask him to redirect your focus if necessary.*