



# Study Guide

Spring 2012 Sermon/Study Series

[www.rbcpc.org/the-book-of-job](http://www.rbcpc.org/the-book-of-job)

“Still Friends?”

Week #4  
June 23/24, 2012

Next Small Group Series: Prodigal Party starting July 7, 8

Scripture Reference  
*Job Series – Week #4*  
*“Still Friends?”*

Read and reflect on the following scripture:

**Luke 12:22-24**

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[b]</sup>? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Notes:

## Job 38:1-7

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

<sup>2</sup>“Who is this that obscures my plans  
with words without knowledge?

<sup>3</sup>Prepare to defend yourself;

I will question you,

and you shall answer me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

<sup>5</sup>Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

<sup>6</sup>On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone —

<sup>7</sup>while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels <sup>a</sup>shouted for joy?

Notes:

**Study Guide**  
*Job Series – Week #4*  
*“Still Friends?”*

**Scripture**

**Luke 12:22-24**

1. Do you find it difficult not to worry? What does this Bible passage say about worry?
2. List all the ways God provides for you daily. Thank God for each of the items on your list.
3. Where do your “treasures” reside? Are your treasures temporal or eternal?

**Job 38:1-7**

1. God is the ultimate Creator of all things. Reflect on the questions God asks in this Bible passage.
2. How does this Bible passage change how you view God’s authority over all the universe?

**Sermon**

1. What situations do you view as win/lose? Does “scarcity of supply” factor into these situations?
2. In God’s kingdom there is “no scarcity of supply”. “God sets boundaries only on some of the temporary, physical matters of creation, but not on the eternal matters of love and relationship.” Does this change how you view God’s provisions?
3. The goal should be to have collaborative thinking rather than competitive thinking. Reflect on how this would change interactions with others.
4. “Jesus reminds us that the scare commodities for which we compete, over which we worry are temporary.” What areas in your life would you list as “temporary?” Do you worry over these areas?
5. What areas in your life can you “invest” that will be eternal?

## **Life Application**

“Loving relationships are not win/lose they are growth industry. There is always room for more love and better relationship.” Reflect on one relationship that may change as a result of changing from competitive to collaborative thinking. How would that relationship benefit from more love and better relationship together? Are you willing to change from competition of win/lose to working together?

## **Prayer**

Pray today that you will have discernment over competitive versus collaborative perspectives in all your relationships. Ask God to prick your heart if winning is the name of the game, rather than collaboration and compromise. Pray that you will invest in eternal matters rather than temporal. God is also asking you, “Do you still want to be friends?” If you lose all your temporal “treasures” on earth, will you still thank God for the eternal “treasures” He has showered on your life?