Ice breaker question:
What would you like to be doing (or what are you doing) in your retirement?

Discuss:
1. The rich fool says in the story he will build bigger barns to store “all my grain and my goods.” Do you wrestle with remembering that all you have is on loan from God? What practices might we use to remember that all we have is a gift from God?
2. It’s been pointed out that “the majority of advertising exploits our insecurities.” Can you think of commercials for which that is true? How does God’s word combat that idea?
3. Does the money you have bring you closer to your neighbors and your community or isolate you from them?
4. The “fool” in the parable seems content to build bigger barns and eat, drink, and be merry. If he lived that way, that’s what he would be remembered for. How would you like to be remembered?
5. In Luke 12:31 Jesus says, “But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” How would we be living if we truly believed this?
6. Near the end of this passage (and in Matthew 6:20), Jesus says to store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. How do you define that – to store up treasures in heaven?

Telling Our Stories:
Just a reminder that at ZPC, we want our Home Groups to be more than social opportunities. While this initial connection is certainly important, we want our relationships to go deeper than that. One of the best ways to go deeper with one another is to share our stories in such a way that we are honest about our flaws and we are not afraid to be vulnerable. When we do this and we are open to God using our stories, they can impact lives—both ours and others. Share more about your stories this week with your group by answering the question: “What God-given dream have you been nurturing?”

Prayer:
Keep the following prayer requests from our church family in mind as you close:
> Prayers of comfort for Brenda and Alan Quick in the death of Brenda’s mother Lingle.
> Prayers of healing for Hillary Bustamante.
> Please pray for all of the veterans who have served our country.