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#### **Questions:**

- 1. What stood out for you from Luke 12: 29-34? What do you think of Jesus' suggestion that we sell our possessions? Is that good or practical advice?
- 2. What does it mean to be fully reliant on God? What does it require of us? What are the rewards?
- 3. Do you find yourself caught up in acquisition and materialism? What is the result? What would you change?
- 4. What do you think might be some of the long-term effects of our emphasis on success and material gain? What will the impact be on our children and on future generations?
- 5. What gets in the way of your experience of the kingdom of God? What does it mean if that kingdom contains both joys and struggles?

#### **EPISODE TITLE:** "The Pleasure of God"

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### Featured Guest: Jennifer Kottler

Reverend Jennifer Kottler currently serves as the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Sojourners. A long-time advocate for justice, Jennifer has served in advocacy ministry for more than 7 years through her work at Protestants for the Common Good (Chicago IL), the Let Justice Roll Living Wage Campaign, and the Chicago Jobs Council, prior to joining Sojourners. Jen has a long track record of successful advocacy and policy change at the city, state and federal level fighting for civil rights, increasing the minimum wage, increasing Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), expanding eligibility for state child health insurance, regulating the pay day loan industry, increasing the availability of job training and support services for low income adults and access to affordable housing. She received her M.Div. from the Divinity School at The University of Chicago and is ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Jen also has a Master's degree in Special Education from the George Washington University and an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Bethany College (West Virginia).

## Pneuma Divina Scripture: Luke 12: 29-34

And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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