

Luke - Guide (April 28)

Luke Part 49 / Stewardship

Go over the rules of Group Discussion:

- Use 'I' statements. These statements break denial structures.
- No rescuing people as they are speaking. Do not finish someone's sentence if they start struggling to find words. Let them fully process their thought; it might be the first time they are wrestling with something
- No side chatter.
- Pray. Invite God to further His kingdom in your group. Ask for blind spots to be revealed in your members' lives.

Reading:

"He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. 2 And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' 3 And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' 7 Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' 8 The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? 13 No servant can serve two

masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

- Luke 16:1-13

Getting Started

Read the above verses

1. Who is someone you have identified as wise in your life?
2. Why did you determine they are wise?

Going Deeper

As we continue through Luke, we want people to be able to voice their thoughts and questions; however, we do not necessarily want to fill those with answers. As we walk through the book of Luke, we will be confronted with what we think we already know about Jesus versus what the bible says about Jesus. We will be confronted with whether we are worshiping the Jesus of the bible, or a Jesus we have created in our head. Create an environment where people can just shout out a thought they have.

1. Brad talked about the acronym LIFE (Leadership/Labor, Influence, Finances, and Expertise).
 - a. What Leadership/Labor has God placed in your life?
 - b. What Influence has God placed in your life?
 - c. What Finances has God placed in your life?
 - d. What Expertise has God placed in your life?
2. Brad talked about being “shrewd”, or wise, in what God has entrusted us with. Where do you feel like you have shrewdness in your life?
 - a. What events, life circumstance, trainings, etc., do you feel like produced that shrewdness?
3. Verse 9 tells us that the things of this world will eventually fail us. Have you already experienced this in your life? Please share with the group your experience.
 - a. Were there any warning signs before the failing?

Application

Confession and repentance is the ongoing theme of the believer's life. As God reveals truth to us, we confess where we have sinned against Him, and change our way.

1. Is there an area in your life where you know you are being dishonest?
 - a. Why do you think you are dishonest in that particular area?
 - b. What does it look like to turn the other way and be honest? What will that look like?
2. Are you being a good steward of the Leadership/Labor God has entrusted you with?
 - a. What are specific things you need to confess, and change your way in? What does it look like to have repentance in that area?
3. Are you being a good steward of the Influence God has entrusted you with?
 - a. What are specific things you need to confess, and change your way in? What does it look like to have repentance in that area?
4. Are you being a good steward of the Finances God has entrusted you with?
 - a. What are specific things you need to confess, and change your way in? What does it look like to have repentance in that area?
5. Are you being a good steward in the Expertise God has entrusted you with?
 - a. What are specific things you need to confess, and change your way in? What does it look like to have repentance in that area?
6. Which of the LIFE areas are you most likely to elevate to a god and serve?
 - a. What safeguards/accountability do you need to have in your life to help prevent your heart drifting there?
7. Is there something in your life right now that you know you desire more than Jesus? Please share with the group what that is, and why you cling so tightly to it.
 - a. **Leader Note:** This is a time to lovingly pray over this individual - not a time to inform them they should not love that thing more than Jesus. The Holy Spirit has

already made them aware of that by them answering this question.

Transparency & Vulnerability:

If you haven't done so already, split up the men and women in your group.

- Ask if there is anything that needs to be dragged out and confessed before the light of God. Darkness cannot live in the light. Read James 5:16.
- Pray for each other; lay hands on and pray when needed.