



LUKE CHAPTER 16 (FACILITATOR)

Discussion Starter

- How do you remind yourself to not take things or people for granted?
- What are some of your biggest obstacles/difficulties in remembering to not take things or people for granted? For example, a lack of awareness, busyness, something else altogether?
- **Opening Prayer**
 - Ask if someone wants to volunteer before leading the prayer.

Breaking it Down

- All questions should be utilized as appropriate based upon group dynamics to facilitate both understanding and discussion. Don't feel tied to the questions and don't feel like you must get through every question. Follow the Spirit's lead! All questions are a matter of perspective in some way BUT there are specific questions that this is truer of, and these questions have been indicated to be perspective/opinion questions.
- Please use your own style, voice, and approach in preparing for leading your life group. Most importantly, take a few minutes to pray over the time together with you group and pray over each group member by name.

Tell the Story

- **PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE ONE PERSON WHO STORIES (SUMMARIZES THE CHAPTER) BEFORE THE GROUP READS THE CHAPTER TOGETHER.**

Read the Story (Luke 16:1-31)

Read out loud as a group, 3-5 verses per person. Let everyone know they can opt out if they would like.

Luke 16:1-13

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- The dishonest manager realized that he was going to have to give an account for how he managed what had been entrusted to him and he ended up taking this reality very seriously.
 - Second, rather than making excuses for why he was dishonest, he simply owned his decisions and sought to seek solutions to be a better steward and manager.
- When you think of what God has entrusted to your care to steward well, what are the top 2-3 things that come to mind?
- This is a perspective and opinion question so please listen as the facilitator.
 - How would you say that you're currently doing stewarding those things?
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Luke 16:14-18

- As it was with the Pharisees, why do you think it is easier to deflect and even become defensive and angry when confronted with our own sin and self-righteous behaviors?
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Luke 16:19-31

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- Consider how many of us would love to be in the position of Lazarus and not the rich man at the end of their physical lives. But also consider that many of us would not like to be in the position of Lazarus during our physical lives on this earth. Why and what does this say about us?
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- In what ways are you convicted by this parable? Where do you find yourself in this parable?
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Final Application

- What does this passage teach us about God?
- What does this passage teach us about mankind?
- What is a command to obey in this passage?
- What has God revealed in your life that needs changing?
- What truth can be applied to your life about the gospel?

Closing & Prayer Requests

- Have a designated person to capture and share (as appropriate) within the life group.
- What happens in life group, stays in life group.
- Don't forget get to confirm the next meeting date and time.

Also recruit someone to do the story for the following week. (Luke chapter 17)



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