

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Where Your Treasure Is
October 26
Luke 16:1-13

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

How can we manage our money in a way that matters for eternity?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: Investing for Eternity

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Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'
⁶ "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.
"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'
"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.
"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

⁸ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

Discussion Questions:

1. How does viewing everything we have as "God's money" change the way we spend, save, and give?
2. Jesus commended the dishonest manager's shrewdness, not his dishonesty. In what ways can believers be "shrewd" or strategic for the sake of the Kingdom?
3. Jesus said, "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." What are some "small" areas of stewardship in your life right now where faithfulness really matters to God?
4. The sermon closed with Frances Ridley Havergal's prayer, "Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold." What would it look like for your family or missional group to live with "open hands" toward God?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

Unbelievers are often shrewd in using the world's resources, because this world is all they have. In the same way, believers should be wise in how they live, knowing their true home is the kingdom of God. What is God challenging you in your heart and what we learned about God's heart for stewardship?

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us understand how to live with eternity in mind.