

Jesus Stories

This week's reading: Luke 16:1-13

Discussion Guide: March 2, 2025

CHECK UP:

*Memory Work: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. – 1 Timothy 1:15-16

*How were thankful for God's amazing grace this past week?

OPEN:

- What was a highlight in your week this past week? What was a particular challenge you had?
- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?

READ and ASK: Luke 16:1-13

- Why did the manager take the action he did?
- Why did the master commend the manger?
- What do think Jesus was teaching in this parable?
 - o Why do you think it would have been important for Jesus' disciples to hear this parable?
- How does Jesus summarize this parable (verse 9)?
 - o What do you think he means?
 - o How does Jesus's "commentary" in verses 10-12 help us in our understanding?
- What is the problem with trying to serve two masters?
- Why is it difficult to keep a proper perspective on money?
 - o Craig Blomberg writes, "what more telling test of true discipleship than in the use of our finances?" Why do you think that is true?

APPLY:

- What does being trustworthy with worldly wealth mean to you? Does your view of this align with scripture?
 - o How do you think God wants you to change the way you handle your resources?
 - o NEXT STEP: What is the toughest decision you need to make concerning finances? What step do you need to take this week?

Memory Work:

“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.” – Luke 16:13

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 18:1-14