

c. _____ and _____ are often _____

d. _____ is serious, but God's _____ is _____

e. _____ should be _____ for their

9. Are there any other comments or lessons from the message you want to discuss?

Response – Making it Practical

1. What resources are you leveraging for the Kingdom of God?
2. Is there one lesson from this study that you need to begin doing this week?

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Life Group Study Notes

Study based on Luke 16:1-8 - October 23, 2016

What if we learned to leverage all we had in a way that truly changes the world for the better?

In this message we find Jesus telling the story of an unscrupulous manager. At first glance it appears that Jesus is commending the dishonesty of the manager and using it as an example of how to get ahead. But in classic fashion, Jesus uses the story to reveal a more profound truth—one that we often forget.

Jesus uses a simple story to illustrate a timeless truth about God, and the expectations that are part of being a Christ-follower.



Study – Discovering What the Bible Says?

1. Can you, in one sentence, summarize the teaching of last week's study or sermon?

Read Luke 1:1-8

2. What is the importance of acknowledging the audience that Jesus told this parable to?

3. What is implied by the manager's silence at being fired? What does it also imply about those who probably accused him of stealing from his master?
4. Following the firing the manager devises a plan? What is the one thing his entire plan hinges upon? How does this relate to the parable's teaching on the nature of God?
5. How much time did the manager have to enact his plan?
6. What lessons can be learned regarding the rich man, especially in his response to the manager's ploy?
7. Why do you suppose Jesus used a story of a dishonest manager as an illustration for his disciples to be shrewd?

Read Luke 1:9-14

8. What were the five summary points in the message? Expand on each.
 - a. God is the _____ of _____ - we are simply _____
 - b. God sees our _____ as tools for _____ work