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The Gospel of Luke

Week 15 Discussion Questions

Week of 1/15/23

Text: Luke 16:1-15

Icebreaker: How would you describe our culture's attitude toward wealth and possessions today? Do you see Christians as having the same attitude or is it somehow different?

1. Try to summarize the overall plot of this (challenging) parable from verses 1-8. From verse 8, what exactly is the dishonest manager, or steward, being commended for by the master?

2. Verses 8-9 are the bottom line of the parable. The "shrewdness" of the manager is being commended, where shrewdness is explained as the actions of verse 9. What attitude does Jesus seem to have toward wealth and possessions based on what's said in verse 9?

Application: Do you see a contrast between what Jesus says about wealth in these verses and the attitude of our culture toward it? Explain what you think.

3. Verses 10-13 present the relationship between the riches of this life with those of the life to come. What can we learn from these verses about the differences between these two types of riches?

Application: The word *faithful* is repeated in these verses. From this passage and others that you can think of in Scripture, what does it mean for us to have an attitude toward our money that is faithful?

4. Jesus says in verse 13 that, "No servant can serve two masters...You cannot serve God and money." Do you agree with Jesus? 😊 Why?

Application: What do you think it means for us to "serve" money as a "master?" Think of examples from either your own experience or those close to you where money has been a kind of master.

5. Verses 14-15 underscore the difference between the world's attitude toward money and the way God desires money to be used. What is "exalted among men [but] is an abomination in the sight of God" when it comes to wealth and possessions?

Application: Do you think Jesus's teaching on wealth is still subject to ridicule today? Why or why not?

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