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## GROUP DISCUSSION

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Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life  
Luke 16:1-14, June 2 & 5, 2022

**Group Discussion:** Who do you know who builds friendships successfully? Why do you think they're so good at it?

### **Read out loud: Luke 16:1-14**

How do I become shrewd in my faithfulness to God?

#1. Put God on the throne of your life. God's Kingdom and rulership is here on Earth but not everyone is willing to submit to His rule.

- A. What do you have to believe and do to be considered a good citizen of God's Kingdom?
- B. To what do people have the hardest time adjusting?
- C. What would you like to do better in His Kingdom?

#2. Put money to work in God's Kingdom.

We spend our lives working in order to acquire money so we can lead a more comfortable secure life. Without financial resources we can't build stability into our lives. Jesus asks us to look at money as a tool not a tyrannical god.

- A. Is your biggest problem, getting out of debt, saving, investing, spending or tithing?
- B. Someone once said, "You can never out give God." Do you agree or disagree with this statement and why?
- C. What problem do you face today that causes you anxiety in relationship to money, inflation, interest rates, gas prices or groceries?

#3. Put friendship above finances.

Jesus teaches that when we help people financially, we're creating friendships that may last well into eternity.

- A. Who has helped you in the past that you'd like to thank when you get to heaven?
- B. Would your small group like to take up a collection and help sponsor a teenager to go to camp this summer?

**Family Time:** Read Luke 16:13. Talk to your kids about the difference of working for God or working for money. What could you do together as a family that would be working for God without any pay? Mow someone's lawn, clean the trash off a street for 1 block, hand out water bottles at soccer, wash someone's car, or some other creative idea.