

Questions for eGroup Discussion

The Key to Financial Health

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

How would you describe your preferred style of getting things done and working with people? (i.e. Are you more introverted and task oriented, extroverted and people-oriented, or some other blend?)

What's your response when you must engage outside of your comfort zone in these areas?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 16:1-15 aloud, making note of specific words, phrases, or ideas that are used, or points of application that Jesus makes in these verses.

In general, what stands out to you from these verses, or from Pastor Alan's message on these verses this weekend?

What questions do they raise, or surprises do they contain for you?

What is the owner's role as it relates to His possessions, and what is the manager's role?

How are those experiences different emotionally, practically?

What difference do these roles play in our lives as we view our possessions?

In what crisis does the manager find himself? (verses 1-3)

What plan does he devise? (verses 3-7)

In light of this scheme, why does the owner commend the manager? (verse 8)

How does Jesus summarize this story, and what is He commending here? (verse 9)

How does this relate to our lives?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

What do verses 10-13 say it means to be an ineffective manager of God's resources?

Why were the Pharisees sneering at Jesus? (verse 14)

What might we sneer about as it relates to Jesus' teaching about money?

Read aloud Malachi 3:8-10.

What does it mean to "rob God?"
What is God's challenge to them?
What is His promise to them?
What specific blessings might result from a person practicing tithing?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

What did you most need to hear or be reminded of this week ... both from the message and your eGroup discussion?

As you reflect on Jesus' teaching in this passage, how are you doing as His money manager?

Where are you doing well? Where do you need to grow?

What's a practical next-step for you in following-through on this weekend's message and eGroup discussion?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for group members' response to any Spirit-promptings for life application from this week's message and eGroup discussion. Specifically be praying for each other's growth as shrewd money managers from Jesus' perspective.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moves outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

In response, perhaps God might be prompting you (or your entire eGroup) to participate in one of our many international ministry trips in 2018. Take a look at the various opportunities:

www.networkbeyond.org/trips. For more information, or to explore involvement, contact Steve Oeffling, Pastor of Global Impact: steveo@cccgreeley.org. He'd welcome the opportunity to speak with you and help you envision where your involvement could make a huge difference.



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