## PARABLE OF THE DISHONEST MANAGER

**PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:** 

Luke 16:1-12

## **RELATED SCRIPTURES:**

1 Chronicles 29:12-16, Psalm 24:1, Luke 12:32-34, Matthew 6:19-21

"A steward manages assets for the owner's benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will."

- Randy Alcorn

## LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

**Read Luke 16:1-9.** What do you do when you read a passage of scripture that is confusing? What about this passage makes it difficult to understand?

**Read Luke 16:10-13.** How do these verses shed light on what Jesus is teaching in v. 1-9?

**Read Psalm 24:1.** Does the way you handle your money indicate a functional belief that you are a manager handling God's money on His behalf? Why or why not? How would a stranger summarize your bank account and spending habits?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 and Luke 16:9.** What would your relationships look like if you thought of them with the end goal of sharing "eternal dwellings" with them?

How is this a beautiful motivator for using everything we have to see the gospel go forward?

Pray for God's Spirit to free us from being controlled by the love of money. Pray for God to give us eternal perspective and shrewdness that makes any sacrifice seem reasonable in light of sharing eternity with the people God has put in our path.