

**Read:** Luke 16:1-15 (NLT) & Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

**Open:**

- *Hypothetically*, what would you do if you won the Power Ball? (\*Note: This not an endorsement to play the Power Ball.) ©
- Please name some things in this life that money cannot buy?
- Define the word 'Steward' as a group by going around the room and offering insights.
- *Bible Facts:* More than 500 verses on prayer, 500 verses on faith, and there more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. 15% of Jesus' teachings pertained to money. Why are money and possessions discussed so much in the God's Word?

**Dig:**

*Read: Luke 16:1-15, Parable of the Shrewd Manager (NLT)*

- Who is Jesus speaking to in telling the Parable of the Shrewd Manager in Luke 16:1-15?
- In Luke 16:1 it says, "One day a report came that the Manager/Steward was wasting his employer's money." *What does this say about the importance of accountability in the way we give?*
- It was not the Rich Man but the Manager/Steward who is functioning under the Rich Man's direction, power, and resourcing. *What if we viewed ourselves as managing God's affairs like this, how would this change the way you give?*
- In verse 10 we see Jesus' key to teaching us about being stewards/managers of God's resources: ""One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." *What does it mean for us to be faithful with the little and God giving us more?*
- What was the Shrewd Manager's plan for taking care of the resources of the rich man? (see v.3-8)
- In Luke 16:9, the Shrewd Manager has his heart set on eternity. How was Jesus reminding the disciples to think of eternity in this passage?
- Do we have a heart for what matters in eternity when it comes to giving of our money and resources for that welcome into an eternal home?

*Read: Matthew 6:19-21, Treasures in Heaven (NLT)*

- What does it mean for one "to store up treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy them?" (v.19)
- How can we, in the here and now, store up treasures in heaven? Practically, what does this look like for us? (v.20)
- Jesus says in Matthew 6:21, "Where your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be." How does God use money to test our hearts?

**Reflect:**

- How does your perspective/attitude shift when it comes to the understanding that being a steward of God's resources begins with knowing that everything belongs to HIM in the first place?
- True Riches means to have Jesus' presence, peace, power, provision, protection of God, that results in the fullness of joy. *Have you ever see giving, tithing, stewardship in this way before? Why or why not?*
- Discuss this as a group the **Path to True Riches:** (1) Make a list of your stewardship. (2) Develop a shrewd plan/budget. (3) Leverage what you have for God and for eternity.
- Encourage group to use the Budget Sheet the Campus Pastors presented on Sunday.