

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 53, May 17, 2020

1. Read Luke 16:1-13 (CSB)
2. It's not enough just to know the facts. What we need is to know God better. God reveals Himself and speaks to us through His _____.
3. Jesus was a master storyteller. We call the stories parables. Earthly stories with a heavenly _____.
4. Not only do we see God's ownership of all things in His image as the master of the house, but we also see that we are not the owners, but the servants. We are called as Christians to be the _____.
5. Read Luke 16:1. We would call this a "discipleship parable". The intent is to help believers to grow in their faith.
6. Read Luke 16:2. The manager is called to the office to answer the rumors. He's told to "give an account" which allows him time to devise a scheme.
7. Read Luke 16:3-7. By reducing the amount they owed his boss, he was making the people indebted and obligated to him.
8. But then came the punch line. The shocking, unexpected end of the story. Read Luke 16:8. The owner did not praise the manager because he was a thief. He praised him because he acted shrewdly.
9. Jesus is saying that unbelievers do a better job preparing for their future on earth, than believers do, preparing for their future in heaven. It should not be that way.
10. Read Luke 16:9. Jesus said we need friends who will outlive our stuff. The Christian who manages this world's wealth to do God's work, will have God as a friend and treasures in heaven.
11. Do we recognize that everything we have belongs to God? Not 10%. Everything. He is the owner. I am only the steward.
12. Read Luke 16:10. A good steward is faithful and righteous.
13. Read Luke 16:11. How the steward manages their possessions in this life will determine their treasures in eternity.
14. Read Luke 16:13. It's impossible to serve two gods. We must make up our mind.