

# SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE / OCTOBER 27

## TO APPLY, NOT REHASH, THE SERMON

### Read

Read Luke 16:1–14 and consider making some observations about the passage.

### Sermon Recap

Review the sermon with your group, highlighting the following:

- "The first element in a proper attitude toward our possessions begins with the realization that it's not really ours; it all belongs to God."
- "The wisest thing we can do with our resources is invest them in eternity, because you can't take it with you."
- "Confessing Jesus as Lord with your mouth is relatively easy; what you actually believe is shown by what you do with your resources."
- "Jesus didn't teach on generosity because he needed something from us. He came not to take from us, but to lay down his life for us."

### Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in the story of the dishonest manager in Luke 16? How does Jesus use this story to teach about stewardship?
2. In what ways does recognizing that "all our money ultimately belongs to God" challenge our current understanding of wealth and possessions?
3. How does the idea of leveraging earthly resources for eternity impact the way you think about financial decisions or material comforts?
4. What practical steps can you take this week to start living generously and investing in eternity?

#### SCRIPTURE

- "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." - Matthew 6:19–21 (**ESV**)

#### PRAYER

- Ask God to help us recognize that everything we have belongs to him and to give us wisdom in how to manage and use those resources for his purposes.
- Pray for a heart of generosity that mirrors Christ's sacrificial giving and for the courage to take practical steps toward living with open hands for his kingdom.