

Luke 16: 1-15

Wealth for welcoming



Think about and discuss one or two questions from each section.

The text – Luke 16:1-15

1. Read the story of the rich master and the dishonest, shrewd manager in 16:1-8a. What happens in this story? Tell the story to one another.
2. In 16:8b-9, Jesus draws a conclusion from the story. What is the main point that he makes? How does he want the disciples to behave in the light of this story?
3. The word translated “welcome” (16:4 and 9) and “take” (16:6 and 7) is important. Discuss the uses of this word in the parable.
4. Discuss the teachings of Jesus in 16:10-15. What challenges does Jesus put before the disciples?

The Scriptures – Luke 16:1-15 as a portion of the Scriptures

5. Throughout the book of Luke there are many times on which Jesus condemns the wealthy. Read as one example, Luke 1:52-53 and Luke 12:32-34. What is Jesus teaching against?
6. 1 Timothy 6:6-10 is one of the most striking texts about money and wealth in NT Scripture. Read and discuss this important text.
7. In OT Scripture, wealth is most often portrayed as a sign of God’s blessing. But not always. Read and discuss words condemning the actions of the rich in Jeremiah 5:26-29. To what is God opposed?

Our lives – walking the way of Jesus in response to Luke 16:1-15 as a portion of the Scriptures

8. We are rich people in comparison with many throughout the world. What temptations do we face in terms of money and wealth?
9. How do you practice cheerful, generous living? What are some practices you have found helpful?
10. How can we pray for you as you seek to be faithful to Jesus’ teaching in Luke 16:1-15?

