AND THEN JESUS ASKED...



Groups Discussion Questions



READ LUKE 16:10-15

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. 11 So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? 12 And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?......continue reading LUKE 16:10-15

Eric mentioned the connection to this teaching of Jesus as the parable of the talents. Read also:

READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[c] and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents,[d] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more.......continue reading MATTHEW 25:14-30

- In considering both of these parables, what are some things that God has entrusted you with?
- · How have you been faithful with them?
- How have you not?
- if we read Jesus' words from Matthew 25, is being "too nervous" to act an acceptable excuse?
- · When has insecurity kept you from dealing with what God has entrusted to you?

READ LUKE 16:13

13 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

- Does being poor or rich determine whether or not you love money?
- How do you know if you love money?
- Why can't we serve God and money?
- We are motivated by what we love. What motivates you?
- We love the things that we submit to. What do you submit to?

READ LUKE 16:14-15

14 The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. 15 He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight.

- In the message we learned that the phrase "value highly" means to be proud or arrogant. Other than money, what kind of things to we find pride in?
- The item isn't detestable, it is the heart attitude about it that God hates. What otherwise good things in your life are detestable in God's sight because of the way you value them?

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How does that change your mindset?

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READ JAMES 1:9-18

Let the lowly brother boast in his exaltation, 10 and the rich in his humiliation, because like a flower of the grass he will pass away. 11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.......continue reading JAMES 1:9-18

- What does verse 11 mean?
- How can we tell between God's direction and our own pursuits?
- Are they every the same thing?
- According to this passage, where do good things come from?
- where does temptation come from?
- Can a desire for a good thing become sinful? How?

READ PSALM 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord,

and he will give you the desires of your heart.

- What does it mean to delight yourself in the Lord?
- What would your heart's desire be, if you delighted in the Lord in that way?
- When have you experienced this?