



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. Take a look at Luke 16:1-9. Explain this parable in your own words. What is Jesus trying to say to us here? In what ways might we be more shrewd in planning for our financial or earthly future than we are with planning our spiritual future?
2. Chrissy used the example of a precious item that a child might hold on to even when its threadbare because it's so precious to help us to understand Luke 16:10-13. The idea being that when something is of value we will hang on to it, even when it might appear irrational. In what ways could your commitment to Jesus appear irrational to a non-Christian? What things might you sometimes be tempted to hold onto more strongly than you hold on to Jesus?
3. Take a look at Luke 16:19-31. One of the key lessons that Jesus wanted to teach us in this story was not so much about the evils of money, but rather that your money should not control your heart but rather the other way around. If your heart belongs to God, so should your money. What did the rich man reveal about his heart in the way he lived? What does it look like to live as your heart and your money belong to God? What does that mean?
4. In the end of the story the rich man realizes his mistakes and wants Abraham to help him to change the hearts of his brothers. What does Jesus tell us is the only thing that can change our hearts? How is it possible for the Bible to change our hearts?
5. Throughout this chapter Jesus has asked again and again - who or what has your heart? How would you answer that question? Perhaps take some time at the close of your group to play the song "Heart of Worship" by Matt Redman and reflect on how you would answer that question for yourself. What could you do to give your heart to Jesus afresh this week?
6. Perhaps close your group praying together and for one another.