Luke 16 Livechat questions

Welcome

Summary

In our Sunday Connection we looked specifically at Luke 16:16, considering how this scripture summarised much of what Jesus wanted to teach to both the religious and non-religious who were listening in. Jesus said since the time of John the Baptist the good news was being preached (or the kingdom of God was advancing forcefully) and everyone was forcing their way in (or forceful men/women were taking hold of it). There was a sense that this idea of force in advancing the kingdom or entering the kingdom centered around the idea that God's kingdom is of such infinite value that one should do anything to share it or enter it.

Questions that might help start discussions

- 1. What most surprised you or stood out to you from this chapter or in what Chrissy taught?
- 2. What was your understanding of Chrissy's explanation of those sharing the kingdom or entering the kingdom by force? Why do you think Jesus said it this way? What did you find most challenging or uncomfortable about this idea?
- 3. What do you think it is that prevents us from seeing God's Kingdom with the kind of value and urgency that Jesus seems to communicate in this passage?
- 1. What do you think it looks like for you as an individual and/or for us as a church to advance God's kingdom, to preach the gospel, with the kind of force that Jesus described? What will be challenging about that? What is exciting about it? What are the opportunities?
- 2. Chrissy quoted Erwin McManus saying, "Most of the gap between understanding and obedience is all about fear." Did this resonate as true? What might it look like to overcome our fear or hesitation so that we can be obedient no matter what the future holds?