



Sermon Discussion Questions Sunday, July 19, 2026

“Following Jesus With What We Have” **Luke 16: 1-13** Cole Lescher

1. The manager isn't praised for his dishonesty — he's praised for his shrewdness. What's the difference, and why does that distinction matter for how we read this parable?
 2. The manager acted decisively because he knew a crisis was coming (v. 3–4). What would it look like for us to act with that same urgency about eternity and for the eternity of our neighbors?
 3. Jesus says, “the people of this world are more shrewd... than the people of the light” (v. 8). What ways could those who follow Jesus be more intentional with money and for what purposes? How might we be different?
 4. Verse 9 tells us to “use worldly wealth (Mammon) to gain friends” for eternity. What are some practical, current examples of using money this way? What is the difference from the manager?
 5. Jesus calls money “worldly wealth (Mammon)” and contrasts it with “true riches” (v. 11). How might that change our perspective on how we rank money's importance in our lives?
 6. How might the way we are faithful in the small things show our capability to be faithful in the bigger things?
 7. Verse 12 refers to money as “someone else's property.” How might understanding money as a gift rather than a right change our perspective on how we think about ownership and stewardship?
 8. Mammon functions like a false god — offering security, identity, and control. Where do you see that offer being made in our world today? Where is the temptation in your own life?
 9. What is one area where your view of money is shaped more by fear, ambition, or comparison than by a sense of stewardship?
 10. What disciplines or habits (giving, budgeting, generosity, contentment) help loosen money's grip and keep it in its proper place as a tool rather than a master?
 11. Looking at your own “stuff” honestly, in our own introspection of the heart, where would you say your “master” is right now?
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