



## THE TRUE TREASURE

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### WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **I Know That I Know** (*The Belonging Co.*)
- **Reign Above It All** (*Bethel Music*)
- **Throne Room Song** (*Charity Gayle*)

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Luke 16:1-13
- Matthew 10:26
- Proverbs 28:6

### OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, asking God to guide your discussion and help you apply the teachings to your lives.

### KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. We will all give an account for how we've used the resources God has entrusted to us.
2. Integrity is more valuable than any financial gain we might seek.
3. God values relationships and people over material wealth.
4. We should use our money and resources to invest in people, as they are the true, lasting treasure.
5. God's grace and generosity often surprise us, prioritizing restoration of relationships over strict justice.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What was your initial reaction to Jesus' parable of the dishonest manager? How did it challenge your expectations?
2. Pastor Brian mentioned that "money exposes the insecurities and appetites of our hearts." How have you seen this play out in your own life or in society?
3. Discuss the statement: "My checkbook is a scorecard to indicate what I find most valuable in life." What does your spending reveal about your priorities?
4. How does the idea of using "worldly wealth to gain friends" challenge our typical view of money and relationships?
5. The sermon emphasizes that people are the true treasure, not money. How might this perspective change the way we approach our finances and relationships?
6. Share a time when you've seen someone use their resources to invest in people in a meaningful way. What was the impact?

## **PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS**

1. Conduct a "priority audit" of your spending habits. Does it align with your values and what you believe God prioritizes?
2. Identify one way you can use your resources (time, money, skills) this week to invest in a relationship or help someone in need.
3. Reflect on areas where you might be tempted to compromise integrity for financial gain. Commit to addressing these areas.
4. Create a "generosity budget" – set aside a portion of your income specifically for blessing others and building relationships.
5. Practice viewing people as God's treasures this week. How might this change your interactions and decisions?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Thank God for His generous heart and ask for wisdom in using resources to invest in eternal things – particularly people and relationships.