

Week of December 1, 2019 Priorities and Discernment

IMPORTANT NOTE for the Facilitator - During the week before the meeting contact all members of your group. If anyone was absent last week, send a copy of the Guide for this week. **You also must complete a Guide.**

Take time to pray for each member of your group. Who has had an especially difficult year? What will you do to encourage them?

Encourage your group to spend time on the scripture passage, **Luke 16:1-15** and to respond to the questions from the Guide BEFORE the meeting time. The memory verses for this week are Luke 16:14-15. Encourage your group to review all their previous verses.

Open in Prayer and Welcome/Introductions

Remind the group of DiscipleGroup Guidelines (Confidentiality, Don't Rescue Don't Fix, No Crosstalk, Use Humor Responsibly, Give Everyone a Chance to Share, Use "I" Statements.)

DISCIPLEMAKER QUESTIONS

- At the last gathering we talked about lostness. Are there any more thoughts on that?
- How did your relational investments go this week? Where do you need help?

Go over the last weeks' and this week's memory verses: Luke 4:8, 4:31-32, 4:43, 5:10b-11, 5:12-13, 5:24, 5:32, 6:5, 6:12 6:20-21, 6:27-28, 6:37, 6:45, 7:9, 7:14-15, 7:47-48, 8:15, 8:16, 8:21, 8:25, 8:38-39, 8:49-50, 9:23-24, 9:35, 9:44, 9:48, 9:62, 10:2, 10:20, 10:41-42, 11:9-10, 11:23, 12:4-5, 12:15, 12:47-48, 12:57, 13:3, 13:29-30, 14:11, 14:23, 14:26-27, 15:10, 16:14-15. (Pick random verses to review.)

Our passage for this week is Luke 16:1-15.

Ask someone to read Luke 16:1-15. OPTION: You may ask someone to memorize the passage/story to share. If so, you can also ask the group to rebuild the story and then have someone read the passage.

Ask the group to share their responses to the following:

- How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?
- Review Luke 12:15 and Luke 14:26-27. What does the parable of the shrewd manager say to you?
- What questions do you have about this parable?
- Is there something in your life you value too much?
- Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do? What will you do this week?

Ask someone to summarize or retell the passage. Go over the memory verse for the day. Encourage them to keep reviewing the verses.

Hand out Guides for next week's passages. Micah 5:2, Isaiah 7:14 and Isaiah 9:6-7. Christmas Promises from the Old Testament.

Close in Prayer.

During the week prior to your group meeting, spend some time studying the assigned passage: Luke 16:1-15. How has God spoken to you this week through this passage?

Review Luke 12:15 and Luke 14:26-27. What does the parable of the shrewd manager say to you?

What questions do you have about this parable?

Is there something in your life you value too much?

Is there someone you know now who you could invite to be part of the family of Jesus? Who did the Holy Spirit put in your life for you to invest in through service, or through a spiritual or Gospel conversation? What did you do?

The memory verses for this week are Luke 16:14-15. Write your verses out here in the version you are memorizing. Review past verses.

Remember to take this guide with you to the group meeting.