

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SHREWD
Luke 16:1-13
Build to Equip — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: If you could be a radio or television personality, what kind of program would you choose?

OVERVIEW: How can we handle our finances wisely? Jesus gives us a unique perspective on money that goes beyond how to earn more, save more, and invest more. He wasn't just interested in helping people improve their lives here and now. He was far more interested in helping people improve their lives in eternity. So, when Jesus taught about money, He taught people how to handle their money in this life in a way that would improve the next life. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to handle our finances in the wisest way.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is the definition of shrewd?
3. What advice would you give to others about how to handle your money wisely?
4. Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables of Jesus are about money. Why does the Bible talk about money so much?
5. Read Matthew 6:19-24.
 - a. Why should we store up treasures in heaven rather than earth (vs. 19-20)?

- b. What does verse 21 mean?
 - c. What does Jesus mean about the eye being the lamp of the body (v. 22-23)?
6. For the following questions, refer to Sunday's sermon?
- a. What is the main point of the parable in Luke 16:1-13?
 - b. Why did the master praise the unrighteous manager? How can we follow his example of shrewdness?
 - c. Why are unbelievers better at storing up earthly treasures than Christians are at storing up eternal treasures?
 - d. What does it mean to live for the line rather than the dot?
 - e. What are some ways you can get better at storing up eternal treasures?

The Last Word: "You can't take it with you — but you can send it on ahead." Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle*

