

July 26 – August 3

Never Heard That | The Unrighteous Manager

Icebreaker: Do you know anyone who is a doomsday prepper? Have you ever thought about preparing for a huge societal change? Why or why not?

Read Luke 16:1–9

- Who is the audience for this parable? Why does it matter?
- What was the problem with the manager?
- What was the manager losing? How did he handle this loss?
- Why did he cut what was owed by the master's debtors? What was he trying to do?
- What did the master commend about the actions of the manager?
- Why is being shrewd commendable? What is the opposite of being shrewd? Why is being shrewd important in light of the coming kingdom?
- What makes wealth unrighteous? Why does wealth compete with God for our devotion and affections?
- Is this passage talking about salvation or rewards?

Read Luke 16:10–13

Jesus compares faithfulness and dishonesty.

- What does someone who is dishonest demonstrate about their belief in God?
- What does someone who is faithful demonstrate about their belief in God?
- As managers of what God has entrusted to us, what does good stewardship look like?
- If our use of money were the only metric for investing in God's kingdom, what would it say about our priorities?
- Read Matthew 25:21. What is the result for those who are faithful in what God has given them?
- What are true riches that are more important than money or possessions?

Application

- What does it look like for us to be faithful in our use of money for God's purposes?
- If you were told you had 6 months to live, how would your priorities change?
- As believers, how should our knowing that this world is temporary and God's eternal kingdom is coming change our priorities now?
- Consider: Are there ways that you feel you are serving money rather than serving God? Pray together that God would help you move toward faithfulness to him in all things for the sake of eternal blessings.
- Is there a specific way God is asking you to give generously? Take action on it.