

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Pastor Glen Keeffe

The Journey | The Poke | Luke 16:1-15



No one can serve two masters.

Either you will hate the one and love the other,
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other.

You cannot serve both God and money.

~ Luke 16:13

1. We are _____

2. Be a _____ Steward

3. Use worldly wealth to gain _____

➤ Do you worship money or do you worship _____ your money?

➤ Do you define yourself by the _____ you have?

➤ Are you _____ with what God has given you?

Small Group Questions:

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Getting Started:

- 1) Share with the group one healthy veggie that you know you should be eating but you do not like the taste of it? Does the cook in the house make it anyway? When it is served do you eat it? If you don't eat it how do you supplement the nutrients you know you need to be healthy?

The Big Idea:

There are sections of the bible which cause our hearts to sail in a good way. And there are sections which challenge us in a difficult way. The hard parts of the bible are like veggies we don't like the taste of but we need to consume because it makes us healthy spiritually. Luke 16 is a hard chapter and can taste like veggies we'd rather avoid. Money is where Jesus starts in Luke 16.

- 2) Read Luke 16:16-17. What do these verses mean? How do Christians drop pieces out of the law? How does that lead to what Pastor Glen called a 'Gospel of Convenience?' What are some examples of Progressive Theology around us? Where do you personally wrestle with dropping pieces of the law?
- 3) Read Luke 16:1-13. Pastor Glen said this chapter is hard in two ways. What are they? Talk as a group about how you would interpret these sections of Luke 16. One out of three of Jesus' parables were in some way talking on money. Why do you think Jesus taught so much on money?
- 4) Sunday's first point was: 'We are Stewards.' What is a Steward? How does this definition 'Poke' on you? (Read 1Cor. 10:26) How should this passage inform our approach to finances?
- 5) The second point was; 'Be a Shrewd Steward' for the kingdom of God? Why would Jesus teach a positive point with the negative example of the characters in this parable? (Read Matthew 10:16) What does it mean to be a 'Shrewd Steward' for the kingdom of heaven.
- 6) Sunday's final point was; 'Use worldly wealth to gain friends.' (See Luke 16:10) What does this verse mean? How does being generous gain you friends? How does generosity relate to 'eternal dwellings?'

Making It Real:

As a group answer the following questions:

- ◆ Do you worship money or do you worship WITH your money?
- ◆ In what ways do you define yourself by the STUFF you have?
- ◆ How can you be more GENEROUS with what God has given you?

Updates & Opportunities...

New Believer and Baptism Class:

Sunday, April 18, | 10:30 am. Rm. 205

Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ

This is where it all starts - where we learn the basics of why and what we believe here at FBC. It's for **new believers**, and those **seeking** to know more about Jesus. It's also for those who are wanting to learn about being **baptized**. Mark your CONNECT CARD or call the Office (360) 426-8461 to let us know if you plan to attend.

Love & Respect Marriage Classes, Thursdays, April 22– May 27 @ 6 pm. Rm. 101

Hosted by Mike & Charity Dorcy. [Child Care Provided!](#) Young married, long time married, somewhere in between... singles & engaged too....This Love & Respect class is for YOU! Take a break from the norm and join us for this fun, creative, encouraging time! **REGISTER** Sundays, at the **Info. Center!** or On Line www.sheltonfbc.org/LoveRespect

KIDS Ministry: SUMMER LAUNCH! Summer Launch meeting Sunday, April 25th

at noon, in classroom 105. **LET'S REACH OUR COMMUNITY KIDS!** It's time to plan & staff Summer Launch, our biggest community outreach to kids. If interested in helping, please attend a meeting Sunday, April 25th, at noon down in Kids Ministry Rm 105. Summer Launch will be held at Mason County Christian School June 21-24.



HS SUMMER MISSION Come visit our tables on the patio and learn more about our plans for this summer! Find out how you can **PRAY WORK GO GROW** our students out on this mission adventure!

Women's Ministry Fellowship—

Ladies, it's Spring Time, and a great time to de-clutter! Bring your gently used items to our Family Center, April 11 - May 2— we have 2 boxes near the bulletin board. All items will be passed on to some of our local ministries, like: Love INC, Turning Point, Crossroads, and others.

Plan now to join us for these upcoming events, fellowship, fun and encouragement!

- Ladies Bunko Party: Friday, April 09—6 pm here at FBC
- Ladies Craft Tie Dye Scarves: Friday, May 07— 6 pm here at FBC



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