

Grow in confidence – with Luke's Gospel

MATERIAL for Life Groups and for Discipleship Triplets

12th Meeting **THEME: God and money**

Prepare yourself, pray for your meeting. Read Luke 16 and wonder how it coheres.

20.00 – 20.05 Icebreaker to begin with: To spend € 15 for a collection often feels as spending much, whereas to spend € 15 for a new gadget doesn't feel so. Recognizable? (For the rich among us: fill in: € 150)

20.05 – 20.10 Pray Ask God to open your eyes and ears for what He says in His Word.

20.10 – 20.40 Bible passage

Read: Luke 16:1-13

Look again at verses 1-8 **A story for disciples.**

- What is Jesus' aim in telling this story? (And what not...)

Look again at verses 9-13 **Encouraging lessons for disciples.**

- How many encouraging lessons does Jesus give us in verses 9-12? Which are they (in your own words)?
- What is the cause that these lessons sometimes feel hard? (According to verse 13)

Read: Luke 16:14-31

Look again at verses 14-18 **Warning lessons for Pharisees.**

- The Pharisees never wanted to accept that they were in need of Jesus as Saviour and Lord. They felt confident about the future, because they felt they were righteous and because they were rich. How does Jesus challenge this confidence in these verses?

Look again at verses 19-31 **A story for Pharisees.**

- Compare this story with the story in the beginning of the chapter. Let everyone take some time in silence for this. Which correspondences do you observe? And which differences?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper: God and money.

Look again at the icebreaker question and at the answer you gave. Try to discern personally: what does God say to me today through this passage? Take some minutes of prayerful silence.

20.50 – 21.00 End Share and end with prayer for each other.