

## Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus and His Wisdom | February 13, 2022

### Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, pause for a few brief moments of silence. After a couple seconds of centering, pray to open your time together. Ask God for help in guiding your time together, for people to listen well, for people to speak honestly, and for the Holy Spirit to use this gathered time to shape and mold you into Jesus' image.

### Split into three or four mini-groups for Scripture and reflection (30 minutes).

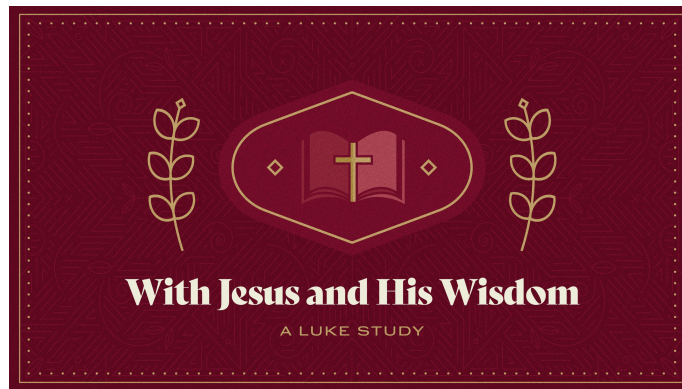
In this sermon, Dan shared from several passages in Luke about **stewardship**. For the next few moments, take some time to read and reflect on Jesus as a Teacher and on how that relates to this week's topic.

- When you think about your relationship with Jesus, do you think of him as a Teacher? Do you think of him as the smartest, wisest Teacher to ever live? Explain.
- How might your perception (or lack thereof) of Jesus as the smartest, wisest Teacher to have ever lived challenge how you think about listening to his words and teachings?
- **Read Luke 6:39-40.** So often in life, people look for wisdom, but they are like the blind leading the blind (leading one another into a pit). In what ways has the world's wisdom led you into pit-like places in the past? In what ways has following Jesus' teachings led you to life?

After your allotted mini-group time is finished, have everyone circle back up in one big group to share their insights.

### Go over the sermon, sharing your thoughts and insights (30 minutes).

- How did your mini-group discussions go? What sorts of things rose to the surface from those conversations?
- How did this sermon about Jesus from **Luke on Stewardship** challenge you? What resonated with you?
- Take a few moments to think about some financial principles you hear from the world. What are they? How do they compare and contrast to Jesus' teachings on money and stewardship from some of the passages Dan walked us through on Sunday (**Luke 6:20-**



**21, 24-25; Luke 8:1-3; Luke 8:4-15; Luke 10:25-37; Luke 12:16-21; Luke 16:9; Luke 19:15-24; Luke 21:1-4)?**

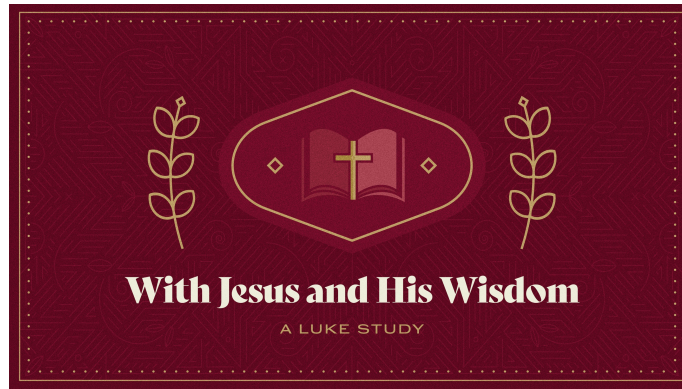
- In this message, Dan summed up some of Jesus’ teachings on money by pointing out the need to “be careful with money.” Why do you think Jesus spends so much time talking about money? Do you find yourself tempted by wealth? Do you think that preoccupation with wealth harms your spiritual life in any ways? Explain.
- Next, Dan mentioned that one should be strategic with money – investing it in the Kingdom and not building storehouses for ourselves. What practical ways should Christians be strategic with their money? How have you been strategic with your resources?
- Lastly, Dan talked about being relational with our money. When was a time someone was relational toward you with their finances? What is one way you can be relational with your finances this week?
- What questions about Jesus’ teaching on money do you have?
- What is one practical way you feel challenged to grow in obedience or in your relationship with God from this recent sermon?

**Split into gendered accountability groups (15 minutes).**

Throughout this series, we’ll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- How is your relationship with God lately?
- How is it with your soul?
- Is there anything from this message that made you uneasy or made you feel like you have fallen short of what God wants for you and your life? Explain.
- In what ways do you feel unhealthily attached to money and finances? Explain.
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.



**Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).**

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.