

## **STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE:** “Bad Managers” (Luke 16:1-15)

### **Discussion Starters**

1. What have you managed for someone else before?
2. What do you have that someone else manages for you?

**Study:** Read Luke 16:1-15 in preparation for the following questions.

3. What is the background of the parable?
4. What is the primary point of the parable? (Sum it up in one brief sentence.)
5. To complete the next section of the study guide, you will need to use a Bible Dictionary. Remember, the words listed below are from the NASU, but the word you are trying to define is the Greek word translated by the NASU—NOT the English word. If you have any questions about how to use these tools, contact your group leader or one of the pastoral staff.

Define the following words or terms.

- “manager” (Luke 16:1)—
- “reported” (Luke 16:1)—
- “master” (Luke 16:3)—
- “shrewdly” (Luke 16:8)—
- “wealth” (Luke 16:9)—
- “servant” (Luke 16:13)—

6. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.

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7. How are servants and masters different than employers and employees?
  
8. How does making friends of people result in being “received into eternal dwellings”? (v. 9)
  
9. What does it mean to be “faithful”? (v.10)
  
10. What will you be given that is your own (as opposed to God’s) (v.12)?

**Taking It Home** (You won’t be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)

11. What “wealth of unrighteousness” do you have? Make as complete a list as you can.
  
12. What do you have that you need to be faithful with? How do you do this (specifically)?
  
13. What master can you be tempted to love other than God? How do you avoid this?