

**Sunday, January 8, 2017**  
"Faithfulness In All Things"  
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Key Passages: Luke 16:10-13, Luke 16:19-25, Luke 6:38, Luke 8:18

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group.
- Now would also be a great time to allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message.

Main Ideas

- The last few sections in Luke can be summarized with one word: FAITHFULNESS.
  - What it means to have intimacy with God.
  - Radical generosity (to those that can't reciprocate).
- To us Faithfulness normally means: Reliable, Trusted, true to your word.
- But we can't be faithful without some measure of faith in what we're doing.
- To be full of faith we have to be...FAITHFUL.
  - High ropes example
  - Sometimes we take a step → Our faith grows → We are able to step out further.
- Principles of Faithfulness
  - 1) You have to exercise the faith you have if you want more faith.
  - 2) We exercise our faith when we put ALL we have into play for the Kingdom.
  - The story of the deceitful manager.
    - Ultimately he loses his job but he is commended for his foresight.
    - Effectively Jesus is saying: Sometimes people in the world are better, and investing their resources to advance *their* kingdom than believers are at investing their resources for *God's* Kingdom.
  - 16:11 The Little-Big Principle
    - We must be faithful with the little things before we are given big things.
    - "What you have now and how you use it will determine what you have in the future" - Doug Kempton
    - The Little-Big principle applies to EVERYTHING.
      - An invitation to true riches through our finances.
      - Luke 6:38 - Forgiveness
      - Luke 8:18 - Hearing God and being obedient
  - 3) If you want TRUE RICHES you must be faithful with what you have.
    - "Your faithfulness is an indicator of your object of worship" - Doug Kempton
- You are EITHER faithful OR Not faithful.
  - Rich man & Lazarus (Luke 16:19-25)
  - Rich man had an opportunity but he SQUANDERED what God gave him and missed out on True Riches
    - **We get true riches through investing it all to reach PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW GOD.**
- When you stand before God will he say "Well done good and faithful servant?"

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What are some of the things that God has given you? Finances? Resources? relationships?
2. Are you being faithful with those things that he has given you? Why or why not?
3. Thinking of 1 or 2 specific areas, what does faithfulness look like for you? Be as specific as possible
4. Why can it sometimes be a challenge to invest in your own "kingdom" rather than God's kingdom?
5. When was a time you saw God trust you with more because you were faithful with little?
6. What are some of the "little" things that God is asking you to be faithful in?
7. How might God be calling you to be more faithful with your time and your energy?
8. How would your mind, your heart, your priorities have to change in order for you to hear "well done good and faithful servant" when you stand before God?
9. What is God calling you to or inviting you into as a result of this passage and/or message?