

Small Group Study Guide, Week of June 7, 2026

Luke 16:1-13, "The Smart Manager," Pastor Tim Cho

Q: How should we view and manage our earthly wealth?

Big Idea: To be entrusted with greater Kingdom wealth, requires smart stewardship of your earthly wealth.

Ice Breaker: Have you ever lost a job? What happened? What did you do to recover?

Dig:

1. Who is Jesus' audience? (16:1) Who else is listening in? (16:14) In what crisis does the manager find himself? What plan does he devise? In light of this deceit, why does the owner commend the manager? (16:8)
2. How does Jesus summarize this parable? (16:9) What is the problem with trying to serve two masters? Why would Jesus' audience (both "disciples" and "Pharisees") need to hear this parable?

Apply:

3. What "masters" are yelling for your attention now? How do you deal with these voices in your life in light of this parable and your commitment to Christ?
4. Reflect on your current attitude toward money. How does it line up with that of the smart manager? How might you change for the sake of God's Kingdom?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)