

Create



✓ Prepare in Advance

- Facilitator: In advance of the session:
- Provide pens/pencils and paper for the writing option or keep an ongoing journal for participants to return to or take home each week.
 - Provide and keep a collection of art supplies for each week including but not limited to: crayons, chalk, color pencils, markers, glue, tissue paper, colored construction paper, paint brushes, watercolors, finger paints, scissors, and a variety of scrapbooking paper and old magazines.
 - Have the *Bible Background Video* ready to view.

✓ Breath of God

Ask a volunteer to read Luke 16:1-13. Then, show the *Bible Background Video*.

Say: In Luke 16:1-13, we read a parable that challenges our ideals of how the world should work. As we have already seen – Jesus’ word is challenging, and it usually does not fit neatly into how we want the world to work. Today we will explore our own questions about how God works in the world and seek to better understand Jesus’ message to the world.

Ask: What do you think the Parable of the Dishonest Steward means?

Invite each participant to choose either the Writing or Visual approach. Spend the next 20-25 minutes with that experience.

✓ Create- Writing

Ask writers to reflect on Luke 16:1-13 and rewrite the passage using a modern day example. Then, ask writers to reflect on their own feelings about the passage. Invite them to answer the questions: What do you think this parable means? How does it make you feel? What truths can we gain from this parable that apply to our life today?

✓ Create – Visual

Ask writers to reflect on Luke 16:1-13. Invite them to reflect on their own feelings about the passage and their understanding of Jesus’ words. Then, invite them to create a visual interpretation of their understanding of the passage.

✓ Share

Invite participants to share their creations with the larger group.

Ask: How does Jesus’ message in this parable help us to understand God? What does this passage tell us about humanity?

Close with prayer.

(After the session, consider leaving the group’s creation on display or find a way to share the creations of the group- post pictures on Facebook, on a church website, or in a portfolio/frames kept either in a public place in the church or in your group’s special gathering place.).

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