

PREPARATION

- Familiarize yourself with this Study Guide.
- You can watch the 3Crosses sermon online [HERE](#).
- Spend some time in prayer before your group gathers.
- You **always** have the option to use some or all the questions and/or prepare your own questions.

Welcome: *Icebreaker – What is the best investment you have ever made?*

Study Tip: As we walk through this key section of the gospel according to Luke, we would like to supplement your study with other key passages found in Luke's writing that relate to becoming rich in the kingdom of God!

Luke 19:1-27, 45-48 Following our section, we read about Zacchaeus who spends his wealth restoring relationships and investing in the poor. This is followed up by the parable of the ten minas challenging us to use our resources searching for a "kingdom return". Finally, Jesus encounters the temple markets and famously flips over the money tables suggesting how the corrupt economy disenfranchised the poor!

Luke 21:1-4 The Widow in this passage is a great example of someone using all their possessions to invest in their relationship with the Lord!

Luke 23:32-43 Let's always be reminded that Jesus gave EVERY resource at his disposal so that the Heavenly Father might forgive us of our sins and that one day, we could be with him in paradise!

Luke 24:13-48 The gospel of Luke is structured so that you feel as though you are following Jesus "on the road" in his ministry. Therefore, Luke 12-16 brings us into many dinner-party conversations hosted by the religious leaders where he teaches them all these parables. It is no coincidence that the book of Luke ends with the disciples of Jesus "on the road" and discussing important topics over a meal. This passage is a helpful reminder that we are reliant on an act of God to open our eyes to what scripture is teaching us!

Luke 4:16-21 → Acts At the end of this series, you may want to pause and reflect on the original purpose of the Gospel message according to Luke and reflect on how it carries on to Acts (also written by Luke).

What's Going on This Week

This week, Pastor Danny concluded our series titled *How to Become Rich!* In week 5, Pastor Danny drew our attention to *Luke 16:1-15* about a man who was accused of squandering his possessions, gets fired from his job, spends resources to be comfortable on the other side of his situation, and leaves his job comfortable with a new home and tons of new friends. As your group wrestles with this week's study guide, ask the Holy Spirit to show you why this man's actions are considered wise and brainstorm any new ways which you can spend your resources on your eternal best interest.

“Let your alms sweat in your hands until you should know to whom you should give.” – *Didache 1:6*

GROUP MEETING (60 – 90 minutes)

Worship (10 – 15 minutes)

Take time with your group and prepare your hearts as you enter the presence of God for this meeting.

<p>Option 1: Worship Music Have someone share their favorite worship song. You can find it online, play it, and sing along! Have them explain why the lyrics have impacted them!</p>	<p>Option 2: God Sighting We've been talking about <i>reaching people</i> as our highest value as Christians. In your group, share ways that you have seen the Lord change your heart for the lost this week.</p>	<p>Option 3: Meditation Mark 10:29-30 Spend time imagining what your heavenly reward will look like. Share with the group a picture of what it looks like to have 100x more than what you have given up!</p>
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Word: Cast a vision for a kingdom investment strategy (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: Luke 16:1-9 vs. Luke 12:13-21 – Two comparisons are made between the *business owner* who has a great year and gets rich and the *employee* who has a bad year and gets fired. (1) Each person utilizes their resources in a certain way to seek comfort “on the other side” of their circumstance. (2) The owner hoards his wealth and is called a fool whereas the employee spends it on people and is called wise. **What might it practically look like to invest your resources in the kingdom of God? What are some of the situations in your life where you lose sight of this kingdom that is “on the other side” and how might God be challenging you to keep your eyes on His kingdom?**

Prayer Tip: Pray for any visionary ideas that come to the forefront as well as any obstacles that may be distracting us from focusing on what is truly “on the other side” of life.

Word: Identify and Adopt any long-term lessons (15 – 25 minutes)

Primary Texts: Luke 16:10-15, 19-31 – At the conclusion of this series as well as the string of parables we have looked at in this series, we find one of Jesus’ strongest teachings about the association between God and money as well as a narrative about a rich man and Lazarus in the afterlife. Throughout this series, we have been called to realign our value system so that we are faithful with the resources that have been given to us and invest in our eternal destiny. **What is one of the biggest takeaways that you will hold onto from this series? Moving forward, how can you and your group commit to using your resources for the kingdom?**

Prayer Tip: Make some commitments as a group to follow through on the cost of discipleship and investing in the eternal reward! Write them down and find a way to hold the group accountable.

Witness (20 – 25 minutes)

Considering this week's discussion, here are some different ways that your group can pray!

- Pray for that the Holy Spirit would convict us to invest in the kingdom.
- Pray that we would be able to apply any lessons that we have learned from this series.
- Pray for any individual prayer request that comes up in your group.
- **Pray for the entire group and how they may be able to contribute to future group meetings.**
- **Pray for an interaction with someone who you can invite into your next group meeting!**
- **Pray for God's hand in the multiplication and revival of your group!**

We invite your group to participate in our churchwide [PrayFast](#) event (Tuesday 10/19 from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM) as well as our [House of Prayer](#) (Sunday 10/17 starting at 6:30)

THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

-Stay up to date with Coronavirus Ministry Opportunities: Help us out by pointing the people in your Life Group to [3Crosses.org/coronavirus](https://3crosses.org/coronavirus). If you or anyone in your group is looking to serve, access spiritual care, or seek financial assistance, you can find all you need at [3Crosses.org/neighborhood](https://3crosses.org/neighborhood)

-Join relief efforts locally and around the world: Looking to contribute to what is going on both locally and around the world? Visit our website and join one of the [relief efforts](#) being made available through our church partners or sponsor an [indigenous missionary](#)!

-Read Ahead: *Read Ephesians* Next week, we will be beginning a series on key texts in the book of Ephesians. While we will only be stopping at key texts, our groups will be walking through the entire text together! Before you jump into this study, try reading the entire epistle of Ephesians and grabbing any themes or lessons prior to hearing from the Sunday teachings or Life Group discussions!

-Life Groups 2021: For more information about joining a group, hosting a group, or general inquiries, contact AJ at avanegas@3crosses.org