



Week 11 | Short Stories | July 30

Key Focus: Hope

Opening Up:

- Do you ever have buyers remorse? What is a purchase that you really regret making?
- Are you a bargain shopper? What is your best bargain shopping advice?
- Do you haggle for prices? What is your best haggling story?
- What is the best financial advice you have ever received?

Reference: Luke 16:1-13

Discuss:

1. When you think of being "shrewd" in a business since, does this come across as a Christian principle to you? Why or why not?
2. What are some reasons Kingdom minded people ("sons of light") are not as shrewd with finances as they should be?
3. What might be an example of someone who was shrewd with finances in a Kingdom building way?
4. How does knowing that money will "fail" (16:9) effect your view of your finances?
5. Let's be forward thinking and inventive when answering this question: How can I use a temporary thing like my money to do a forever thing like taking my friends with me to heaven? (16:9) *Rest on this question for some innovative and personal answers.*
6. Psalm 24:1 says that everything belongs to the Lord. How does viewing yourself as a steward rather than an owner change the way you handle your money?
7. You cannot know how to spend your money until you know what story God wants you to tell with your life. (Proverbs 3:9) Explore these questions together. How might God be asking you to be more shrewd with your finances for His glory and the love of others?
 1. Creation - How has God wired you?
 2. Fall - What is your holy discontent?
 - 3. Redemption - What good news story does God want to tell through you?**
 4. Restoration - How are you trusting God to do what only He can do through you?
8. Pray.