



“Mess to Masterpiece”

Luke 16:14-18

September 29th, 2019

Questions for Application and Fellowship

MY STORY

1. What are some of the messes you’ve made in life, big or small?

QUICK REVIEW

The Gospel of Luke is a detailed, carefully-researched account of the birth, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Luke 9-19 records the Lord’s movement from Galilee to Jerusalem where He will die for our sin. Luke 16 contains teaching that pertains to money and generosity. This section finds the Pharisees sneering at the Lord Jesus, who proceeds to address several areas of their spiritual failure. Even in the midst of this, we are reminded of the good news of the kingdom of God.

Read Luke 16:1-13

Three messy areas for a great many Pharisees:

1. Making a mess of _____ (16:14-15)
2. Making a mess of _____ (16:16-17)
3. Making a mess of _____ (16:18)

Was any point in this weekend’s message particularly challenging, encouraging or helpful for you?

Why did God want you to hear this message now?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Like the Pharisees, it's easy to misuse the wealth and resources God has entrusted to our care. Reflect on Matthew 6:19-21. What are some practical ways for a follower of Christ to lay up treasures in heaven? How can we use money and materials to please God?
2. We misuse the Law of God when we try to use it to earn God's favor or to regulate the lives of others. This is legalism. But what is the purpose of the moral law of God? What do these passages teach you the law of the Gospel of Jesus?

Romans 3:19-26

Romans 8:1-4

3. It is not hard for a married couple to encounter enormous challenges in their relationship. What are some of the most common challenges faced in marriage?
4. The Pharisees were surprisingly permissive in their view of divorce and remarriage. Read Matthew 19:1-8. What is God's will for marriage? Explain in your own words who comprises marriage, and what its terms are.
5. How has divorce touched your life? How can Christians support and minister to those who have been divorced?