

CHANGE YOUR STORY

Discussion Notes

CROOKED BOSS

Matt asked: "If your bank statement was laid out what would it say about you?"

- Do you agree with Matt that what you put your money towards can say a lot about the story you're writing?
- What would your spending say about you?
- What story do you want to tell with your money?

Read Luke 16:3-14 together.

- What are your initial thoughts on this passage?
- This parable can be a little difficult to understand. How can we learn to wrestle with and explore these harder to understand passages rather than just skip past them?

Matt explained that the parable is a reflection on our attitude towards this life and eternal life, and why what we do now really matters.

- How should our hope for eternal life affect what we do with our money now?
- Matt suggested that sometimes it means we can be too relaxed with how we handle our money - we know that we have eternal life so we think less about what God has given us in this life. Do you agree?
- Jesus compares 'worldly wealth' with 'true riches' - what is the difference?

Matt said that we are all 'money managers' for God. He has entrusted us with money in the same way the money manager in the story has been trusted.

- What does it mean for us to be money managers for God and how should that affect our attitude towards money?

Matt also said that like the man in the story, we have a 'limited time opportunity' to use this money wisely.

- What did Matt mean by this?
- What opportunities do we have?
- How can we make sure we aren't wasting these opportunities?

At Metro we draw three principles about giving from Paul's teaching in 1 Corinthians 16:2. Read this passage together and then reflect on the fact that our giving should be Predetermined, Personal and Proportional.

- How do we Predetermine our giving? What can we do to make sure this happens?
- What does it mean for giving to be Personal? How do we make sure giving is part of our personal discipleship?
- Do you agree that giving should be Proportional? What are the challenges around this? What stops us from giving as much as we would like?

Let's be practical about our giving, striking while the iron is hot. We can give by visiting:

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