

## 5 Secret Ingredients: Luke 16:1-9

### Secret #5: Be Generous

Luke 16:1-9 Notes:

The point: Christians ought to be \_\_\_\_\_ in dealing with \_\_\_\_\_.

Generosity is maximized when it is \_\_\_\_\_.

People who are generous are:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
*This helps us overcome the thoughts and feelings that say, "I don't know how."*
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
*This helps us overcome the excuse: "I can't."*
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
*This helps us answer the question, "how much?"*

## *Life Group Study Guide*

### ***This week, before you go to your Life Group:***

Read Luke 16:1-9. What questions do you have? What do you think the main point of this parable is, in your own words?

### ***Life Group Discussion Questions:***

When it comes to finances, do you consider yourself a planner? Are you more naturally a spender or a saver? If you're married, do you and your spouse have different ways of viewing money? How have these things impacted your financial position over the years?

Read the parable in Luke 16:1-9. What are some questions and observations that you have about this passage? What does the dishonest manager do when he hears that he is being fired? Describe what his plan is. Why does he do what he does, and how does it pay off in the end? What is it that his master commends him for? What do you think the message is that Jesus is trying to communicate through this parable?

What are some of the obstacles that stand in the way of many people when it comes to being generous? If you're a student, what are some of the struggles when it comes to being generous in your stage of life? Do you think it is still possible to be generous when you are a student? Why or why not? How can we be generous with our finances even when we don't feel like we have much to give?

One of the primary ways the New Testament teaches to express generosity is by giving to the local church. Is this part of your generosity plan? Why or why not? Are there ways that this group can help you to get in control of your finances or become more generous towards God and His kingdom?