



Discussion Guide for “Stuff: What is It Good For?”

– *You Had to Be There* Week 5

We look at the "stuff" in our lives as blessings from God. But what is all this stuff really for? Why does God give us material wealth? The story of the Rich Man and Lazarus in Luke 16 points toward a beautiful truth: Our stuff is an invitation from God to join in new life!

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Luke 16:19-31](#)

[Proverbs 14:31](#)

[Proverbs 22:16](#)

[Matthew 6:19-34](#)

[Luke 16:1-18](#)

[1 Timothy 6:6-16](#)

Read the [retelling of the Rich Man and Lazarus here](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you consider yourself rich? Why or why not?
2. How did you feel when listening to the story of Nick and Dives (or the Rich Man and Lazarus)?
3. What role does Wealth play in the story? Is Nick's wealth good or bad? Why?
4. How is Nick's wealth related to the two previous stories (the Prodigal Son and the Dishonest Manager)?
5. What do you have? How can you use it to advance God's kingdom this week?