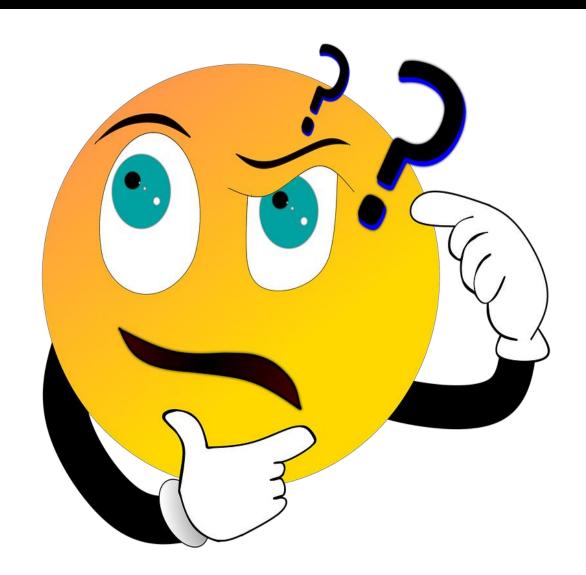
Luke 16:1-13



Questions

Why is the "dishonest manager" commended?

What is "dishonest wealth"?

Who are the children of the light?

Why are we hesitant to talk about money in church?

A Familiar Story?

The Prodigal Son

Like the PS the dishonest manager squandered wealth

DM does not repent like the prodigal

The Rich Man and Lazarus

Like the RM/L "There was a rich man."

DM does not act virtuously like Lazarus

Back to the Basics – Acts:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread into prayer.

Everyone was filled with all
All the believers were together
They ate together with glad and sincere hearts
They praised God and added to their number daily

Prayer

The Word of God (Written, Living, and Proclaimed)

Holy Conversation

When Christians refuse to talk to each other across disagreement, we miss out on the beauty of the unity of the body of Christ.

Leaders produce CLARITY

NOT tasked with producing CERTAINTY

No Guarantees

Discern Your Purpose, Vision, and Core Values

Spend time in small groups, discerning together, the core values that are integral to our congregation

the ones that hold us together

It take <u>6 months</u> to change the focus get on the right track go in a more helpful direction

It takes 3 to 5 years to make it stick.

If you take the pressure off, you will default

Develop community - - Shared emotional connections

Shared core values

God never promised a life without trouble. God promised to be with us - always.

Please don't say – It'll be OK – I might not Say instead, I'm here for you – I promise