

Managers, Not Mongers

Supplies:

- 10 index cards per participant
- 1 envelope per participant
- Writing instrument per participant
- Music to play
- Copies
 - Look at the Book

The Big Question:

- Why don't I own what is mine?

Break the Ice:

- **If I Had 24-Hours to Live**
 - Divide participants into groups of nine or ten and appoint a leader for each group.
 - Give each participant an index card and a writing instrument.
 - Ask them to respond to this prompt: *If you had 24 hours to live, how would you spend these hours?*
 - Tell group leaders to collect, shuffle the cards, and read one at a time to their groups.
 - Group members guess who wrote the card.
 - One point is earned for each correct guess.

Look at the Book:

- Say: *You are coming to the age when you are making bigger and bigger decisions about money. Jesus had lots to say about money. In today's passage Jesus is quite clear. Listen to what he says.*
- Distribute the handout: **Look at the Book** (attached).
- Say: *I will read the regular font; you read the bolded font.*
- Invite participants to probe the passage in groups of two or three.

Interact:

- **Thank You for Giving to the Lord**
 - Divide participants into groups of ten.
 - Give each participant an envelope and nine index cards.
 - Ask participants to write their first and last names on their envelopes.
 - Scatter the envelopes around the peripheral of the room (with names showing).
 - Say:
 - *This is your chance to thank people for giving to the Lord. You might want to thank someone for being friendly or for helping to lead worship or for leading out on a project or for speaking the truth or for being courageous.*
 - *Write a thank you card for each person in the group.*
 - *If you don't know someone well, write a short prayer for that person.*

- *As you write notes, deliver them to the appropriate envelopes.*
- *I will play music as you write and deliver.*

Pray:

- Invite participants to go somewhere in the room where they are “alone” but where they can still hear you.
- Say: *In the prayer time for this lesson, you will pray alone—just you and God. We will think about the story of the Good Samaritan to help you pray.*
 - *In this story, a thief robs a man. The thief has an attitude: **What’s yours is mine, and I’m going to take it.** Do you have this same attitude? Is there something someone else has and you want it? Are you coveting something? Talk to God about this.*
 - *When the time is right, say: The passersby in this story—the people who don’t stop to help the beat-up traveler—also have an attitude: **What’s mine is mine, and I’m going to keep it.** Do you have this same attitude? Is there something you have, and you don’t want to share it? Talk to God about this.*
 - *When the time is right, say: The Good Samaritan—the man who stops to help the beat-up traveler—also has an attitude: **What’s mine is yours, and I’m going to give it.** Do you have this same attitude? Thank God for giving you the resources to help someone else.*
- When the time is right, say: *You’ve been talking to God. Now listen one more time to the lesson scripture. This is God talking to you.*
- Read the lesson scripture.