

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

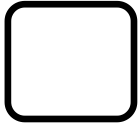
Life application materials for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

1. **Get to know one another:** What is the first gift you ever remember receiving? Why do you remember it?

2. **What is “My Stuff”?** In the Fourth Petition Luther lists some of the “stuff” for which we can be thankful. What would you add to this list as part of the daily bread (“My Stuff”) that God gives you?

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

3. **“My Stuff” becomes a burden.** Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-20. Comment on a verse or phrase that is most meaningful to you,
4. **“My Stuff” doesn’t give me “rest.”** Read Psalm 62. Comment on a verse or phrase most helpful to you when you begin to worry about material things.
5. **“My Stuff” isn’t really mine.** Read Luke 16:1-9. We are managers called upon to use God’s stuff to bless others. “Realize that the purpose of money is to strengthen friendships, to provide opportunities for being generous and kind. Eventually money will be useless to you—but if you use it generously to serve others, you will be welcomed joyfully into your eternal destination” (The Voice Translation). Encourage each other to be generous by sharing what you have done to grow in generosity over the years, whether it is generosity toward church or generosity toward other people.
6. **“My Stuff” to bless others.** Recall your discussion about the first gift you remember. You likely remember it because of the way it made you feel. What gift could you give to someone in your area of influence that might produce that same feeling of being loved and valued?



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

God's Purpose for My Stuff

[Ecclesiastes 5:10-20; Psalm 62:1-2,5-8; 1 Timothy 6:6-10,17-19; Luke 16:1-15](#)



1. **To build a wall** – My stuff is all I see.

1 Timothy 6:6-10; Luke 16:13-15

2. **To become a burden** – My stuff requires upkeep and protection.

Ecclesiastes 5:10-17

Jesus Picks Up My Stuff

Psalm 62:1-2,5-8

3. **To make friends** – My stuff benefits others.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20; 1 Timothy 6:17 – Myself

1 Timothy 6:18 – Others

1 Timothy 6:19; Luke 16:1-9 – With eternity in mind

My Next Step Up the Ladder of Giving

- **Be an Initial Giver** – scan the QR code to give online or text “stpmuskego” to 833-845-3927 to give a one-time gift.
- **Be a Consistent Giver** – use the QR code or text number to begin a recurring gift.
- **Be an Intentional Giver** – divide your average monthly gift by your average monthly income to determine the percentage of your giving. Make a personal commitment to grow in that percentage giving.
- **Be a Sacrificial Giver** – attend *Financial Peace University* in January to grow your opportunities to be generous. Check the Connection Card for interest or email ppanitzke@stpaulmuskego.org
- **Be a Legacy Giver** – review your estate plan with our Estate Coach to see how you might leave a legacy. There are only 20 estate coaching slots available yet this year. Register at StPaulMuskego.org/Give/Estate-Planning/.

