“Shrewd”

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

Luke 16:1-9

* As a group re-read the scripture
* Have you ever been confused by Instructions?
  + Tell of a time that has happened to you.
* JD talked about the dishonest manager’s motivations when he knew he was going to be fired.
  + What do you think his motivations were?
  + How would you react as the owner?
* God took the ugly image of a cross; the pain and suffering of it, and He turned it into something amazing.
  + What are your thoughts about the cross?
  + What does it mean to you?
* Jesus cares about your past, your failures, your pain, your bumps and your bruises. Jesus wants us to use our present, however, to move into the future.
  + How will you move forward from where you are now?
  + How is God using your past to show you your present and where He wants you to move to?
* How do we repay Jesus?
  + With our complacency?
  + With our faith?
  + With our sacrifices?
  + With our love?
* When Apollo 13 had a problem the first thing they did was to start pointing fingers at one another, shifting blame. Jim Lovell, however, said he didn’t want to do that, he wanted to figure out a way not to die.
  + - Which one do you do?
  + When the dishonest manager faced something like the astronauts were facing he acted like Lovell.
    - What are some ways we can be shrewd, like these men?
* In Ecc. 12:13-14 Solomon tells us to “fear God” because in the end its all we can do in any situation.
  + What does it mean to you to “Fear God”?