August 21 – Sermon Text is Luke 16:1-13
Assets, gifts and passions

Key verse: Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' - Luke 16:3-4

Write your thoughts about the questions in the space below and discuss them with a partner. Be sure to turn in your answers. Thanks!

1. **In dealing with his challenges, the shrewd manager takes time to reflect on his assets to define a solution. With this in mind, what are some of the most important assets your church has to work with?**

2. **Think about your own individual assets, gifts, and passions. Which of these do you see as the best things you have (talents, physical assets, whatever…) to put into use for something God cares about?**

3. **How might your congregation better use your assets, gifts and passions to deal with today's challenges and move toward a stronger and more creative future and not just be used for the here and now?**