# Future Church 6: A more trustworthy people 1 Tim 6

# God has entrusted us with His truth

## God’s truth

### Points people to God

### Raises people up

### Unites God’s people

## False teaching

### Changes truth to ‘stuff we know’

### Divides the church

# God has entrusted us with material possessions

## ‘Poor’, here, are not the destitute

### When is ‘enough’ enough?

## Possessions are the travelling luggage of this life; they are not the stuff of eternity

### Whether you are rich or poor, possessions, money, wealth are an entrustment of God

# God has entrusted you with one life

## There are some major decisions you have to make if you do not want to drift through it

### Will you accept God’s gift of Christ?

### Will you accept God’s loan of possessions?

### Will you pursue God’s plan for your soul?

# Guard well what has been entrusted to you

## The truth, your life, possessions & family

## God has loaned you these things

### ‘Guard’ does not mean lock up securely

## Mt 25 The Parable of the Talents

### God puts things in our trust, how shall we respond?

### Will you be found ‘trustworthy’?

# What happened next…?

## We can learn from history

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Perpetuating the status quo

## 1 Tim 6:1,2 has been used to condone and even support slavery

### Does it do that?

#### Explain your answer

### What does this passage teach us about how to treat people in our own context?

# God’s truth (6:3-10, 17-19)

## According to these passages how does false teaching undermine church harmony?

### What examples of false doctrine have you come across?

### What made them false?

### How can they be countered without causing more damage to the church?

## How can we pursue ‘godliness with contentment’?

### At what level of wealth should Christians be content (when is enough enough)?

#### Is this realistic?

### How does a person of faith counter the constant advertising which says ‘you lack something and buying our product will give it to you’

#### Is this the real fight of faith in the 21st century?

### What assumption do the rich have in v17?

#### How does Jesus counter this assumption in His teaching? (Try Mt 25:14ff)

# Your profession of faith

## Paul asks Timothy to remember his profession of faith (possibly his baptism) and compare it to Christ’s

### What did Jesus actually say to Pilate? (Mt 27 & Jn 18)

## Must a profession of faith be formulaic (creedal) to be Christian? E.g. Trinitarian

### Explain your answer

## Can a profession of faith lack hope?

### Explain your answer

# You are trusted by God

## How does this idea change the way you view your family, friends, home, money, time, career?

# Future church

## What would happen to HBC if people did not steward their time, gifts and resources towards its future?

### What is God whispering to you so that you can play your part?