



GROUP DISCUSSION | Week 1: It All Belongs to God

SERIES OVERVIEW

This 3-week series explores what it means to be a faithful steward of all that God has entrusted us with. Accountability to God calls us to responsibility in every area of life. It's important to take good care of what He has given us to manage.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE:

Think of this discussion guide as a springboard. Use what's helpful to your group and lean into discussion that's sparked from the insight and input of your group.

CONNECTION

It's almost gift-giving season! What is one of the best gifts you've ever given?

TRUTH

Someone read Psalm 24:1.

King David declares that *it ALL belongs to God*. Why is that a significant place to start when talking about stewardship?

What comes to mind when you think of "stewardship?"

Think of responsibilities you have, whether it's work, family, etc. What are some examples of things have you been entrusted to steward?

Read Deuteronomy 8:17-18. How is that concept of stewardship counter-cultural? What does it mean to be "self-made?" Why is that actually a false statement?

Read these 3 Key Aspects of a Steward. After each one, pause to discuss both the pros and cons that each aspect may bring (*i.e. For #1, what's a pro of not being the owner; how's that challenging, too?*).

1. The steward is not the owner.
2. The steward has a prominent position of authority with tremendous responsibility.
3. The steward cares for the owner's possessions to benefit the owner and bless others.

What did this message tell you about God? What's it tell you about people?

What else stood out from the message this week?

APPLICATION

Monte closed by challenging each of us to assess our own stewardship in 3 areas of investment: Service in Ministry, Financial Giving, and Sharing Your Testimony.

How can you intentionally take a step in each area? What's your main concern or obstacle for each? What would life look like if you took a step in each area? (Share)

PRAY