



# **2-WEEK STUDY**

on Biblical Stewardship

## **WEEK 2**

DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Stewardship Says to Money, "I Don't Own You"**  
Matthew 25:14-30





## WEEKLY READING

**Primary text from this week:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Secondary texts from this week:** Daniel 6:1-5, 1 Peter 4:10

## GETTING STARTED

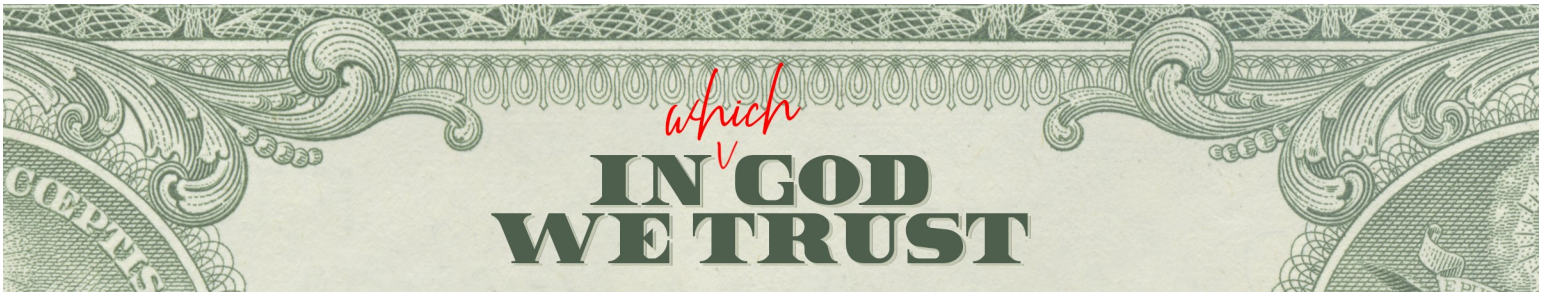
**Goal for this session:** To understand the principles of biblical financial stewardship

**Missed the sermon?** Watch it at [www.youtube.com/venturamissionary](http://www.youtube.com/venturamissionary)

**Break the Ice:** Have you ever loaned something to a friend or family member? Did that situation turn out well or turn out bad?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In Sunday's sermon Pastor Doug said that stewardship is "managing someone else's stuff." What is your reaction to the idea that you are managing God's money? Does that match the way you've been taught to think about money in the past? Explain.
2. What are some of the practical implications of understanding that "your money" is actually God's money and not yours? In other words, what difference should that reality make in how we give, how we save, and how we spend it?
3. Have someone in the group read Jesus' well-known parable in **Matthew 25:14-30** and discuss the following questions:
  - Does it seem fair that one servant receives more than the other two? Does it sometimes feel unfair that some people have more money (time, influence, resources, etc.) than others?
  - The master's response in verse 30 seems pretty extreme. Since the master represents God in the parable, do you think verse 30 accurately describes God? Why or why not?
4. Have someone in the group read **Daniel 6:1-5**. In what ways was Daniel a good example of wise stewardship?
5. Have someone in the group read **1 Peter 4:10**. What do you think the author means by "gifts?" What are some of the gifts that God has given us that you and I are responsible for stewarding?



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**PRAYER**

**Pray for (the group) each other:** Pray that group members would continue to “seek first His kingdom and righteousness” in every area of their lives, including their finances.

**Pray for yourself:** Ask God to help you remember whenever you are faced with financial choices that He has entrusted you to manage the money He provides and that it ultimately belongs to Him.

**Pray for your four:** Identify four people who don't know Jesus (friends, family, neighbors, or co-workers/classmates), and commit to pray for them consistently. Pray that **(1)** God would reveal Jesus to them, **(2)** that God would turn their hearts towards Him, **(3)** that God would put Christians in their path to represent Christ, and **(4)** that God would give you an opportunity to share what Christ has done in your life.

**ACTION STEPS**

Prayerfully ask God to show you what your next step is in the area of financial stewardship and then choose one next step from the list below that you can take this week to be a more effective steward of God's money:

- Establish a budget and stick to it
- Register for the Personal and Family Finance class or the Wills Workshop (venturamissionary.com; scroll down to upcoming events)
- Save more by spending less
- Give more by spending less
- Start a savings account
- Create a plan to pay off debt (Contact Dave Ramsey's organization for help with this: ramseysolutions.com)
- Give more consistently toward the ministry of the church
- Give more consistently to fund a ministry you are passionate about

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