



## Community Group Guide

### Moving Forward

#### “Stewardship”

#### Week of November 1

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#### Check-in

1. What lessons did you learn from your time in the Word this week?
  2. Who did you share the gospel with?
  3. What has God done in your life that's encouraging over the past week?
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#### Scripture

Read *Matthew 25:14-30*

#### Key Point From Message

- Everything you have has been given to you by God
- You are called to faithfully steward your life for God's Kingdom
  - Time
  - Talent
  - Earthly Treasures

2 Questions:

- What are you doing with what God has given you?
- What does the way you're living your life reveal that you have faith in?

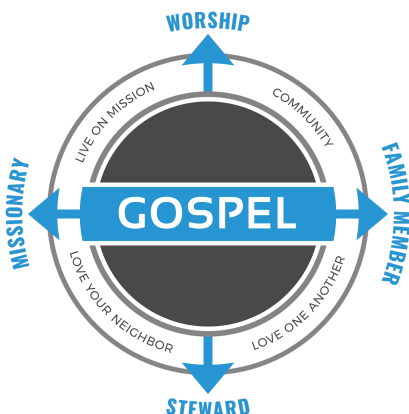
**Other Scripture Referenced:** *Matthew 24; Proverbs 24:1-2; Genesis 1:1; James 1:17*

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#### Discipleship Group Framework

D-group discussions in smaller gender-specific groups help to reveal our blind spots to sin. If this week is a D-group week, the discussions should be focused on confession of sin, providing accountability, and encouraging each other to live in the gospel. Focus on the questions under the “Discover” section and how this week's Scripture relates to our lives.

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#### Image Church Core Values

When the gospel defines our lives it should impact everything we do. Living by the gospel should cause us to:

- Grow towards God through daily worship
- Love one another by gathering as family members
- Mobilize as missionaries for God's kingdom
- Be more generous stewards as we leverage our time, talents, and treasures for Christ.

As we study and discuss the text from this week evaluate how you can grow in each of these four areas.

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## Discover

1. What stands out to you in this passage of Scripture?
2. What does the text say about the character and nature of God?
3. What does the text say about the work of God?
4. What does the text say about our identity?
5. How does this change the way we live?

## Deepen

1. What challenged you about this week's message?
2. Do you think it's more important to be a faithful steward or to be the person with the most talents? Does the way you live your life confirm your answer to the previous question?
3. In this message we stressed the importance of knowing who the Master is. How would you explain this story to someone who doesn't know the Bible? How would you explain the investment God made to us to someone who doesn't know the gospel?
4. How would you define stewarding your life for God's Kingdom?
5. Take a moment to look at your calendar. How many Kingdom activities are on your calendar? Do you need to start blocking off time in your calendar for investing in God's Kingdom?
6. Are you using your talents to further God's Kingdom? During this season of COVID, how may you need to steward your talents differently?
7. Where do you tithe your first and your best?
8. When it comes to your budget how often do you find yourself saying no to your wants in order to give to God's Kingdom? How often do you say no to God's Kingdom to say yes to yourself?

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## Action Step

In this series we are evaluating areas of our spiritual lives that either need to start, reorient, or grow. Where do you fall when it comes to stewardship? As Pastor Mike mentioned in the message, stinginess is the result of forgetting the gospel and generosity is an overflow of the gospel at work in you. All of our lives have changed during COVID. With your group re-evaluate where you stand with being a good steward of your life for God's Kingdom. Discuss what perspectives may need to change and how you can hold each other accountable.

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## Memory Verses

<sup>12</sup>*Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.* <sup>13</sup>*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead,* <sup>14</sup>*I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly call in Christ Jesus.*

-Philippians 3:12-14 (CSB)

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