



BIG IDEA

“Our desire is that we’d all be disciples of Jesus who are Word and Spirit Christians. . . disciples who submit ourselves to the authority of God’s Word and who are empowered by the Spirit.”

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

Word

Read: 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Isaiah 40:8; Psalm 119:9-11, 33

1. To live under the authority of God’s Word means that we live with it as our guide, allowing it to teach us. This happens through reading Scripture daily. It means meditating on it and memorizing it. How are you doing—right now—in studying and memorizing God’s Word, allowing it to penetrate your heart?
2. When you study God’s Word, what does that process look like for you specifically? How do you approach and engage with Scripture?
3. God’s Word is a Word that brings true comfort. Share a time that you’ve needed to rest in the words of God to get through a tough time. How did it provide comfort to you? Consider sharing some verses in Scripture that brought you comfort.

Spirit

Read: Luke 4:16-18; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

4. Pastor Josh said, “The Spirit of God, just like the Father and the Son, desires to have an intimate relationship with you.” What does your relationship currently look like with the Holy Spirit? What might it look like to strengthen that relationship?
 5. What gifts has the Holy Spirit given you? How can those gifts be used to impact your Life Group? Your church? Your city? The world?
 6. How have you seen the Spirit of God work in you? What impact has the Spirit made in the world through you? (It’s okay to brag about the Holy Spirit. We can’t do anything good apart from God)
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7. What are your overall thoughts about the sermon?



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“Everything we have is God’s. Everything you have is his. Everything I have is his, too. And that means that every dollar you have is on loan from him and you’re to be a good steward of it.”

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Generous

Read: Matthew 6:19-24; James 1:9-18; Matthew 25:14-30; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; 1 Timothy 6:17-19

1. How have you seen the cumulative generosity of our church family have an impact on your life personally? What about the lives of those who make up our church body? The lives in our community? The world?
2. Let’s rock the boat... In his epistle, James teaches us that our generosity is to imitate our generous God and to support the message of truth—the gospel. How would you describe your personal generosity as a reflection of our generous God? How is your generosity supporting the gospel?
3. When you think of the possessions God has given you, do you tend to view them as yours—or God’s? How do you think your life would change if you understood your role as being a steward of what God has entrusted to you?
4. Being a steward of God’s riches isn’t just about giving his resources back to him as we have learned from Jesus’ parable of the talents . Rather, it means investing the resources he has entrusted to us for his benefit. Does your stewardship align more with the servants who invested their master’s riches, or the servant who buried them?
5. What are some practical steps you can take to invest God’s riches that have been entrusted to you? Can your Life Group encourage you in this? How so?
6. What are your overall thoughts about the sermon?