



10.13.19
WHAT IS MINE?

BIG IDEA

Everything we “have” belongs to God. “Stewardship is to manage protect and expand the resources of another.” (Ps. Robert Morris) When we choose to be good stewards, it leads us to take care of what God has already given us - time, talents, abilities, money, life, even the earth. We need to remember: I am not the owner of anything, I am the steward, and I am either a good steward or a bad steward. What will we choose?

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

- Matthew 25:14-29
- Psalm 24:10
- Ephesians 2:10

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- When you borrow something from a friend, how do you care for it? Is the level of care higher than your own things or not? Why?
- What ways have you developed your abilities to manage God’s gifts? (Financial Peace class, advisors, spiritual development, work/saving, using your gifts and abilities at Crossroads and in the community, etc.)
- Have we used well the things we have been given by God?
- Based on how you manage your possessions, do you have a love relationship with God or is your relationship fear-based?
- What might God want us to do with His possessions to bless people in the community? (Personally or as a group.)

APPLICATION IDEAS

- If the group is interested in Financial Peace, consider using that curriculum next semester. In preparation, get coaching from someone who has been through it before.
- Collectively ask God what or who He wants you to care for in the community and as a group take action in the community based on His answer.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Crossroads, we pray believing God hears and answers us. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

- Let’s humble ourselves before God the Father and invite God the Holy Spirit to tell us what we could do to better steward all He has given us.

LEADER TIPS

- We have been entrusted with the people in our connect group.
 - Are you contacting your group members through the week with encouragement?
 - Are you praying for them by name regularly and specifically?
 - Are you watching for ways to prod them forward into their best next step?
 - Are you providing those that have potential as a connect group leader opportunities to practice leading your group?