



Study Group: Participant Guide
Elements: Stewardship – March 4th-10th

CHECK-IN

*An opportunity to show authentic community as we **share the struggles** and **celebrate the victories** we've experienced in the last week.*

DISCUSSION

Main Topics: Stewardship vs. Ownership

- How do we treat things differently when we know that they are not our own?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-19

- What do we learn about God from this passage?
 - What is David's response to God's abundant provision in this passage?
- How can you foster a mindset like David's in your life?
- What is something God has called you to steward well that you may not typically think of?
- What do you struggle to surrender to God, or, put another way, what do you think you own instead of God?
 - Would you like to surrender that to Him today?
- Where can a lack of generosity, good stewardship, and an others-centered mindset stem from?
- Pastor Matthew said we should be thinking, "God owns it all. How can I use it best for God's glory?" How can you integrate this way of thinking into your life?
- How does the Gospel display God's generosity?

Read Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-35

- What is the foundation of the stewardship experienced by the church in Jerusalem as mentioned in chapter 4?
 - How can each of us foster an attitude of oneness within our local church?
- How much responsibility do you feel for the needs of others?
- What can we do to become more aware of the needs of those around us?
 - Why is it tempting to be unaware of others' needs?
 - What unhealthy habits can perpetuate this unawareness?
- What were some of the results of the stewardship displayed in these passages?
- How can giving to your local church be an act of worship?
 - How can you make this a meaningful and intentional experience?
- Do we believe Jesus when He says in Acts 20:35 that, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?

Reflect

- What practical step will you take this week to prioritize the element of stewardship in your walk with Christ?