

The Power of Stewardship

Focus

God owns everything and has given talents and blessings to each one of us. It's important to always have the mindset that we are stewards of all God has entrusted to us.

Open

What's the worst excuse for something you have ever given or heard? (or) If you were entrusted to oversee anything, what would you want it to be?

Talk

- 1. * Read Matthew 25:14–18. What are two talents God has given to you? What are some ways you can be a good steward of those talents?
- 2. Read Matthew 25:19–23. What are the things in your life you know God is calling you to be faithful with?
- 3. What does a "good and faithful" steward look like?
- 4. Read Matthew 24–30. What are some things that keep us from being the stewards God has called us to be?
- 5. * Read Psalm 50:10–12; Psalm 24:1 and 1 Corinthians 10:26. What stands out to you about these scriptures? How does knowing that God owns everything help us to guard our hearts against worrying?

Live

- 1. What's the difference in the mindset of an owner versus a steward?
- 2. Compare the difference between how you act with relationships, time and money when you think of yourself as an owner versus when you think of yourself as a steward.

- 3. Stewards have a responsibility to someone higher than themselves. What are some things God has made you responsible for?
- 4. * People, time and money are three things God entrusts to us. Break into small groups and discuss the following:
 - a. Name some relationships in your life God has called you to steward and some things you can do to be faithful in that.
 - b. List some things you can do to be a good steward of time and money.
 - c. Come together as a large group and share a few highlights you discussed.
- 5. Read Luke 12:16–21. What are some ways you can make eternal investments into God's kingdom?
- **Pray** Ask that the Lord would give us His perspective on everything in our lives. Pray that we would have the mindset of a steward as it relates to relationships, time and money.

^{*} Key points for leaders.