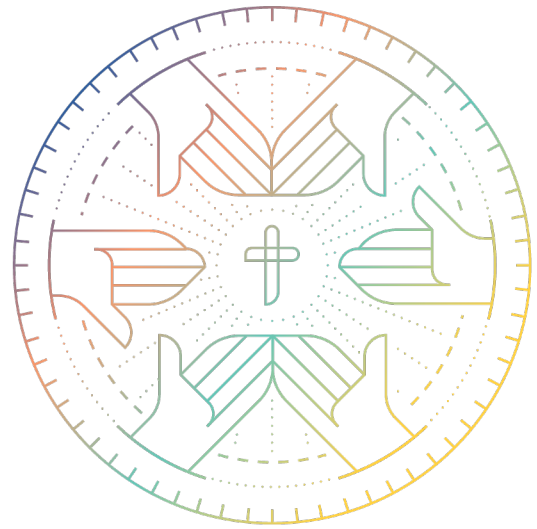


# Group Life.

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## SMALL GROUP GUIDE

Every Day Matters: “Our Response to Jesus”  
Scripture Focus: Luke 19:11-27

## ICEBREAKER

What is one thing you are good at managing and one thing you are not?

OR

What is one practical way you’ve seen someone honor God through the way they managed their resources?

## INTRODUCTION

Every day we are making decisions about how we use what God has entrusted to us—our time, money, gifts, influence, opportunities, and relationships. Jesus teaches throughout Scripture that our resources are never truly ours; they are gifts entrusted to us by God to steward faithfully for His purposes and glory. In a culture that often encourages ownership, comfort, and temporary living, Jesus invites us into a Kingdom perspective marked by trust, faithfulness, generosity, and eternal purpose. The way we manage what God has given us reveals much about our hearts and reflects our response to Jesus as Lord.

## INTO THE WORD

**Read Luke 19:11–13, Psalm 24:1, and James 1:17.** Why is it important to recognize that everything we have ultimately belongs to God?

**Read Luke 19:15–19, 1 Corinthians 4:2, 1 Peter 4:10, Matthew 6:19-21.** What does faithfulness, diligence, and initiative look like in everyday life? What does it look like to multiply what God has given you?

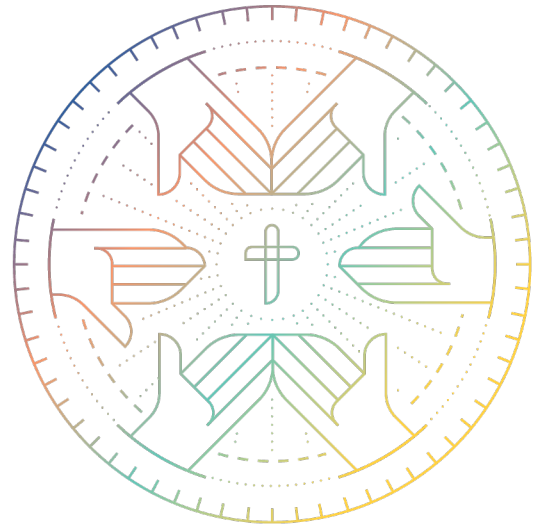
**Read Luke 19:17-26, 1 Samuel 26:23, Colossians 3:1-2, Matthew 6:19–21, and Luke 16:10.** How does keeping eternity in mind help reshape the way we live and steward what God has given us? How does this prepare us for greater responsibility in eternity.

**Read Luke 19:20-24, Proverbs 26:13, Proverbs 29:25, Ephesians 1:7-8, John 15:16, and 2 Corinthians 9:7.** How do fear and excuses lead to bad managers? How does generosity reflect our response to Jesus?

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## EMBRACE AND EMBODY

Jesus cares less about how much we have and more about whether we trust Him with all of it. When we recognize that everything belongs to God and we are called to faithfully manage what He has entrusted to us, stewardship becomes an act of worship. Through obedience, generosity, and wisdom, we reflect our trust in Him, remembering that faithfulness in the present often prepares us for greater responsibility in the future.

### Reflection Questions:

- Which area of stewardship do you find most difficult to surrender to God—time, money, abilities, comfort, control, or something else? Why?
- Is there something God is calling you to that you may have “buried”? What would it look like to unbury that and respond to God?
- What might God be prompting you to manage more wisely?

## TAKE YOUR NEXT RIGHT STEP

*(Prayerfully consider one of the following next steps)*

- **Build Deep Relationships:** Be intentional about getting to know someone who you encounter regularly, but don't know well. Engage in a conversation, take time to get to know them better, or even invite them to church with you.
- **Live Generously:** Analyze your spending habits and ask God to reveal if you need to make a change. If prompted to reprioritize an area, choose to obey.
- **Worship God:** Each day, choose to live wisely. View your management of resources as a way to honor God and show the world who Jesus is.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*Dear Heavenly Father, we recognize that all we have is Yours and we thank You for the responsibility to steward our resources wisely. Please give us willing hearts to respond to Jesus and let Your Spirit reveal to us what we are managing well, what we need to change, and how to be wise with everything You've given us so that more will come to know You. In Jesus' name, Amen!*