



ID WEEK 7

ALL WE HAVE BELONGS TO GOD

Tonight's Session will run as follows:

7.00-7.40 Evening meal and introductions

7.50-8.50 Bible Study

8.50-9.00 Closing Prayer

OPENING QUESTIONS

1. What did your practice of generosity look like in this past week? Did you find a way to give someone something that you did not need?
2. In what ways have you found new freedom? In what ways are you feeling resistance? Be as honest as you can with each other.

BIBLE STUDY (25mins)

Start by looking at these passages. Together, what do they tell us?

- Leviticus 25:23
- Deuteronomy 10:14
- Psalm 50:9-10

Now read Luke 12:35-48

1. Re-read v35-36. What picture of us and God, is Jesus painting for us here? How are we to see ourselves?
2. Re-read v37. What is the master of the household (i.e. God) like?
3. In v38-40, Jesus is stressing the importance of being ready. What does being ready (i.e. looking after the household) look like? See v42-43. And what is the outcome? See v43-44.
4. What does not being ready look like (i.e. not looking after the household) in v45? And what is the outcome? (See v46)
5. Finally, what is Jesus conclusion? See the end of v48.

DISCUSSION (25mins)

The big idea of the video and of Luke 12 is **STEWARDSHIP**

We're to understand ourselves as stewards of God's resources. These are some of the key ideas to discuss:

1. **“Every man needs two conversions: the first his heart, the second his wallet!”** Martin Luther, Reformer, 16th century

If we were to bring our bank statements to our ID table, would they shout aloud “Jesus is Lord!” ? Or something else?

2. **“God blesses us to raise our standard of giving, not our standard of living”**
Randy Alcorn (Giving is the Good Life)

The prosperity gospel (“give more to get more”) is very different to this 🙌. Is this a new idea for you? Or, how might this view of ‘blessing’ shape you more?

3. **I give 10% of my income away. The rest is _____**

How do you want to finish that sentence? How might an understanding of ourselves as caretakers/stewards of resources help us finish it well?

PRACTICE AND PRAY

Practice this week

Reflect on your stewardship. Pray and listen for God's voice on the issue of generosity and stewardship. What are the next steps God is prompting you towards?

Additional resources:

- The Generosity Module Handbook p42-61
- Rule of Life Podcast – Generosity Part 03
- Giving is the Good Life – a book by Randy Alcorn (Chapters 9-12)