

INTRO

- Have you ever experienced someone trusting you with something valuable? How did it feel?
- What do you think it means to be a "good and faithful servant"?

READ

Read Matthew 25:14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey." — *Matthew 25:14-15*

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it." — *Psalms 24:1*

BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

Biblical stewardship is about managing all that God has entrusted to us—finances, gifts, opportunities—in a way that honors Him. It's a call to use what we have for His glory, acknowledging that we're caretakers, not owners.

REFLECT & RESPOND

To be good stewards, we must:

- **Trust God** – with our resources, knowing they ultimately belong to Him.
- **Take Action** – like the servants who multiplied their talents, we're called to actively invest what God has given us.

Qu:

1. *What stands out to you about the three servants in the parable? How do their actions reflect their view of God?*
2. *How are you currently using what God has entrusted to you (money, time, gifts)?*

3. *Are you tithing the first 10% of your income to the storehouse (the church)?*
4. *What "derailers" (fear, comparison, bitterness) might be keeping you from fully embracing stewardship?*

Practical Steps in Stewardship:

- **Tithing** – Giving the first 10% as an act of trust and honor to God.
- **Serving** – Developing and using your unique gifts to bless others.

Qu:

- *Are there areas where you struggle to trust God with your resources?*
- *Do you ever feel like the servant who only was given one bag of gold, not recognizing the resources, gifts and talents God has given you?*
- *What steps can you take this week to be a more faithful steward?*

PRAY

- Pray for trust in God's provision and guidance in using what He has entrusted to us.
- Ask for strength to overcome anything holding us back from being "good and faithful" stewards.