

Transformed, Not Conformed: Stewards

Matthew 25:14-30

Life Group Questions – January 28, 2018

Connect

Growing up, what was your family's view of money? How are you the same or different today?

Study

1. What's God's goal for your life (cf. Romans 12:2)? How can money help or hinder that?
2. **Read Matthew 25:14.** Christians are to have a stewarding mindset about money. When you think of the word *steward*, what do you imagine? Give some examples from your life.
3. **Read Matthew 25:15.** Do you view God's invitation to stewardship as an opportunity or a burden (or somewhere in between)? Why?
4. **Read Matthew 25:16-18.** What is the difference between the first two servants and the third? Why do you think that is? Which do you relate to most? Why?
5. **Read Matthew 25:19.** Does standing before Jesus to "settle accounts" bring you fear or hope? What do you think Jesus would say to you if today was the day you were to "settle accounts" with Him? Why do you think that?
6. **Read Matthew 25:20-23.** There are three *rewards* waiting those who steward their lives well according to these verses. What are they? Which one is most meaningful to you? Do you think it's wrong to live our lives in anticipation of those rewards? Why or why not?
7. **Read Matthew 25:24-30.** Why did the third servant not invest his master's money? What does this reveal about him? Is the master's response just? Why or why not?
8. Think about how you actually use your money. What does this say about your view of your finances? How is this text challenging your view right now?
9. Share with the group one *transforming* action step you sense the Lord asking you to take regarding your finances.

Pray

Spend time praying for one another's action steps and stepping into a stewarding mindset.