## Small Group Bible Studies on Stewardship: Suggested Scripture/Parables



- Genesis 1:27-28 We are made in God's image
- Psalm 30 The world and all that is in it belongs to God
- Matthew 3:1-12 What does our baptism mean for us as stewards?
- Matthew 5:1-12 The Beatitudes and stewardship
- Matthew 6:7-14 Praying the prayer Jesus taught us as stewards
- Matthew 25:14-30 The Parable of the Talents
- Mark 10:17-25 The Rich Young Man
- Mark 12:41-44 The Widow's Offering
- Luke 12:13-34 The Parable of the Rich Fool
- Luke 12:22-34 Where is your heart?
- Luke 15:1-10 The Parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin
- Luke 15:11-32 The Parable of the Lost Son
- Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisee and the Tax Collector
- Luke 18:18-27 The Rich Young Ruler
- Luke 19:1-10 Zacchaeus
- Luke 5:1-11, John 21:1-14 Two Fishing Stories
- John 6:1-13 The Feeding of the 5,000
- Colossians 3:12-17 Paul's guidance for living lives as God's Children
- 1 Peter 4:7-11 Stewards of the manifold grace of God
- 1 Timothy 6: 17-19 Be rich in good works
- 1Corinthians 4:1 God loves a cheerful giver

## Small Group Bible Studies on Stewardship: Discussion Guide



- Opening prayer: a prayer of thanksgiving or a prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to be present during the conversation
- Ask someone to read the passage a first time. Instruct the group to listen carefully for the words, phrase, idea or sentence that stands out.
- Group discussion: What words, phrase, or sentence stands out for you?
- Ask a different person to read the passage a second time, perhaps from a different bible translation. Invite the group to listen for how the passage connects with their lives right now.
- Group discussion: How does the passage connect with your life right now?
- Ask a third person to read it again, perhaps from yet another bible translation. Encourage everyone to clear their mind and listen for how God is calling them to respond to the verses.
- Group discussion: How do you hear God calling you to respond?
- Closing prayer: a prayer for God's presence and guidance as each person strives to respond to the scripture as h/she feels led, and as everyone works to become the faithful, loving, and generous stewards God created us to be.

## Small Group Bible Studies on Stewardship: Reflection Sheet



Scripture Passage: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Listen carefully as the passage is read aloud. What words, phrase, or sentence stand out for you when you hear it the first time?

2. Listen carefully as the passage is read aloud a second time. How does the passage connect with your life right now?

3. Listen as the passage is read one more time. Focus on clearing your mind as you listen. How do you hear God calling you to respond?