

# OWNED

## THE OWNER

### DAY 1 : THE OWNER

READ LUKE 20: 9-18

Do you find the discussion of stewardship causes anxiety? Anxiety is about who is in control. One way to relieve anxiety is to give up control. On the other hand, losing control can cause anxiety. Is there a way to give up control and anxiety at the same time? What area of your life do you feel you need to let go of control? Is it in finances? Is it in a relationship? Is it in time? Is it in physical well being? Take time this week to take note of what makes you anxious and controlling about stewardship. Imagine holding the things you treasure in your hands. Look at each one carefully. Now imagine yourself placing those things into God's hands. What does that look like? How does it feel to let go of those things?

### DAY 2 : THE STEWARD

READ PSALM 24:1-2

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19B-20A

Stewardship is a practice and perspective that acknowledges that God is Lord and owner of everything and we are not God.

How does stewardship give a life of meaning?

How does it create:

- ◆ Obedience
- ◆ Faith
- ◆ Lordship
- ◆ Worship

In what areas of your life do you feel you are a good steward?

Why do think it is easier to be a good steward in those areas?

### DAY 3: OWNERSHIP

READ LUKE 20: 9-11

Make a list of things you feel you own. Include your relationships, time, ideas, opinions as well as physical things. What things do you find difficult to imagine letting go? What is your first reaction when you are asked to give up control of something or someone?

### DAY 4 : THROWING OUT THE SON

READ LUKE 20: 13-16

The tenants treat the vineyard as their own and have no respect for the son. Is there any part of your life that you claim as yours in which you have 'thrown out the son'? In your career, marriage, parent, Christianity, education, body, money, church?

In what ways do we make Jesus...

- An add on
- A visitor
- A servant to our needs and wants

### DAY 5: OWNER OR STEWARD?

Look over this list of the differences between being an owner and a steward.

Highlight or check off the ones that you feel identify your pattern.

OWNER:

- Everything is for and about me
- I am in Control (Trying to be god)
- I will solve the problems my way (Savior)
- I will protect (usually protecting ourselves)
- Pride in my accomplishment
- I am Master
- I have rights
- I am burdened
- Makes me significant and gives me my identity
- Stress, Anxiety, problems are overwhelming

STEWARD:

- Everything is for and about God
- God is in Control (I accept my limitations as a created being/dust)
- God will solve problems His way
- God will protect
- Humility at my involvement
- I am Servant
- I am privileged
- I am honored
- Is temporary and not who I am
- Stress, anxiety and problems are opportunities to trust the goodness of the owner

**Heavenly Father, I acknowledge You are the Owner and I am the manager of what You entrust to me. Help me let go of my control and give You control of my time, talents, treasures, and things You have given me. AMEN**

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