

OWNED

STEWARDS & OWNERS

DAY 1: A FAMILIAR QUESTION

READ MATTHEW 16:26

Ownership is an issue of our soul's wellbeing. How do you feel your soul has been affected by the things you feel you are in control of or feel you own? To what things or desires does your soul cling? Is it Power? Wealth? Status? Personal Safety? What will you gain if you continue to cling to those things? What will you lose?

DAY 2: THE OWNERS

READ MARK 14:10-12

As an owner, Judas was looking out for Judas and didn't take into account that his choices would affect the whole nation of Israel. What does this passage reveal to you about how being an owner can change how your life impacts the world around you? Your community? Your church? Your family?

READ MARK 14:1-2

The Sanhedrin manipulated the timing of Jesus' arrest because they did not want the people to riot. They were the keepers and owners of the law at that time. What things do you feel you use to accomplish your goals?

DAY 3: THE STEWARDS

READ MARK 14:6-9

The woman in this story was willing to go beyond accepted behavior and custom to bless Jesus. She was a steward of the expensive oil and wanted to give to Jesus in an extravagant way. What was her motivation in doing what she did? Do you think she thought twice about what she was doing? What spoke to you about the way Jesus responded to those who were rebuking her? Why was Jesus so pleased with her gift?

DAY 4: JESUS

READ MARK 14:36, 61, MARK 15:5

Jesus gave complete control of His life to God. Underline the words in these passages where Jesus submitted to the will of His Father. Notice how Jesus remained silent or made no reply. What would your response be if you were in His position? How do His responses challenge you to give God complete control and be the owner of your life?

READ MARK 14:31

Even as a disciple of Jesus, Peter struggled with ownership. How do you relate to Peter? How does status play a role in your life? Do you find yourself trying to preserve your reputation over doing the right thing?

DAY 5: THOUGHTS OF AN OWNER OR STEWARD?

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.

As you review this list again, in what ways do you feel you have changed your thoughts from being an owner to being a steward?

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 help me change my thinking to be more as a steward not an owner . AMEN