

God's Beautiful Disciplined Church: Give it all
Week's Reading: Matthew 23:23; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8; Matthew 6:24;
Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-10
Discussion Guide: July 31, 2022

CHECK UP:

Memory Work Review: *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* – Romans 12:1

- In what way or ways did you worship God privately this week? Do you have any new perspectives in relation to corporate worship?

OPEN:

- When you hear the word "stewardship" what do you think of?

"Stewardship is managing the affairs or goods that belong to another." – Donald Hunt

- Why do you think the subject of stewardship is important when it comes to spiritual disciplines?

READ and ASK: Psalm 24:1; Matthew 25:14-30; Matthew 4:18-22; Luke 9:23; Luke 16:10-13; 1 Peter 4:10-12; Romans 12:3-8

- Why is Psalm 24:1 a crucial truth to learning to be a faithful steward (manager)?
- How does Matthew 4:18-22 and Luke 9:23 become an appropriate reminder for Christians in relation to being a steward?
- In what way is stewardship about more than just money?
 - o What has been entrusted to us that we are to manage (steward) well?
 - o For what purpose are we to use what has been entrusted to us?
- Why is stewardship such an important subject when it comes to following Jesus?
 - o Why can't we serve two masters?
- How much does God want of us? (see Luke 9:23)

"The question is not, how much of my money should I give to God? But rather, How much of God's money should I keep for myself?" - Donald Whitney

APPLY:

- How do you need to view your time, talent, and treasure as "items" entrusted to you by our master?
- If God wants you completely, what area of your life do you need to surrender more fully to Him?
- NEXT STEP: What discipline or disciplines do you need to put into practice in recognition that you are a manager of what God has entrusted to you?

Memory Work:

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;
- Psalm 24:1

Next Week's Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-22