**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday, while diving deeper into God's word.**

**CONNECT:**

* What is your most prized possession?
* Are you an impulse buyer or a research buyer?

**DIGGING DEEPER:**

*Tithing and Sabbath are practices that remind us we are in need of God. We cannot earn enough, save enough, or do enough to win salvation, but rather it is Jesus who has done it all. While it is easy to jump to rules and regulations when it comes to tithing, Jesus is always much more concerned with the heart. Read Matthew 6.*

* Summarize what you read. What truths do you find about God from this passage?
* What are the five titled sections in chapter six? How do they relate?
* Read verses 9-13. How does the Lord’s prayer impact your understanding of tithing and financial stewardship?
* Read verses 1, 5, and 16. Why does Jesus make these statements? What is he trying to develop in us? What is the reward that Jesus wants to give us?
* In verse 25, Jesus makes the command to “not be anxious.” What does Jesus say to encourage us in the following verses? Have you experienced this to be true? Why is it so hard to not be anxious?
* Read verse 33. What does it look like to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness? What do you do to put this in to practice?

**DISCUSS:**

* In light of this study, do you need to make any changes to the way you tithe? Are there any steps that Jesus is asking you to take?
* Do any of the passages from this week’s bible reading plan connect to the study you just completed?

180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible

**Reading Plan for Week of January 21st**

**Day 71 –** Nahum 1: Enemy Justice

**Day 72 –** Zephaniah 3: Rotten Ruling Class

**Day 73 –** 2 Kings 22: Boy Wonder

**Day 74 –** Jeremiah 2: National Adultery

**Day 75 –** Jeremiah 15: Balky Prophet

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LIVING ON THE EDGE

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**I AM CALLED TO LIVE A FULLFILLED LIFE.**

**NOT JUST A FULL LIFE**

**Proverbs 21:20 (NIV)** *In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.*

**OUR CULTURES’ DEFINITION OF HAPPINESS:**

**MORE THAN I CURRENTLY HAVE.**

**MATTHEW 6:19-21 and LUKE 12:15**

**Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)** *14 “Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 15 To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. 17 So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. 18 But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.
19 After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts
with them. 20 The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’ 21 His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ 22 The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ 23 His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’  24 Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ 26His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 29For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.’*

HOW TO BECOME A FAITHFUL STEWARD

1. **I ACKNOWLEDGE GOD OWNS IT ALL. I WILL PLACE HIM FIRST.**

**Psalms 24:1 (ESV)** *The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein…*

* **YOU EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSINGS**

**Malachi 3:10 (NIV)** *Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.*

1. **GOD’S WAY IS ALWAYS BETTER THAN MY WAY.**

 **SO I WILL GIVE HIM CONTROL.**

**1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NLT)** *11Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. 12Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand, and at your discretion people are made great and given strength.*

* **YOU BECOME SUPERNATURALLY CONTENT**

**Proverbs 15:16 (NIV)** *Better a little with the fear of the Lord than great wealth with turmoil.*

1. **I WILL CHOOSE TO BE CONTENT WITH WHAT GOD PROVIDES.**

**Philippians 4:11-13 (NIV)** *11… I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*

* **YOU END UP WITH MORE OF WHAT MATTERS**

**Proverbs 8:18-19 (NIV)** *18 With me are riches and honor. With me are lasting wealth and success. 19 My fruit is better than fine gold. My gifts are better than the finest silver.*