

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Stewardship | Pastor Daniel Groves
The Starter Kit Series Week 2

Scripture

Romans 11:29 (AMP)

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable [for He does not withdraw what He has given, nor does He change His mind about those to whom He gives His grace or to whom He sends His call].

Main Idea

At the start of every new adventure, season, and challenge, we need to be prepared with the essentials. In this new series, Starter Kit, we will be looking into the Word of God to discover the basics of our faith, generosity, purpose, and the assignment on our lives. Today we will look at how your time, your talent, and gifting / generosity starts with the Heart.

STEWARDSHIP IS DIRECTLY CONNECTED TO YOUR HEART.

It's not what you give or what you do for God, it's the HEART behind the WHY you do it. What is the WHY behind what you do with your time, talent and resources?

Additional Scripture: Proverbs 4:23

STEWARDSHIP IS CONNECTED TO EVERY SEASON.

God will show favor to those who are faithful. But not favoritism. We all can walk in supernatural abundance. There's nothing wrong with having nice things, but do you things have you? How do you know the difference?



Additional Scripture: Matthew 6:31, Ephesians 6:7

STEWARDSHIP IS CONNECTED TO WILLINGNESS.

Pastor Daniel told us that nothing ever grows in a comfort zone. However, if we are willing to YES, and place everything in God's hands, you will eventually see God's hand in every area of your life. Where do you need to say “YES” and allow that discomfort to stretch you into who God called you to be?

Additional Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:8

Summary

Pastor Daniel told us that the definition of stewardship is using God-given abilities to manage God-given resources, to accomplish God-ordained results. The key is that if you don't recognize your potential you can never fully walk in your purpose. What we do with our TIME, our TALENT and our RESOURCES is essential for us to become who we are called to be! God our creator has entrusted each and every one of us with gifts and talents and skills he's entrusted us with resources and abilities. BUT if we allow fear to grip us, we will stay in a rut and never reach our potential, and never fulfill our purpose.

Call To Action

1. Grab an index card or Post-It note and write down your WHY behind what you do with your time, talent, and resources. Then place it somewhere that you will see it often as a reminder.
2. Find a friend who is in a similar “season” of life as you are and ask them how they are striving to be good stewards and how they've seen it tied to God's favor.
3. Take a step of good stewardship by going through growth track, joining the dream team, joining a connect group, and be a part of the Hope City family.



Group Leader Resource

Game: Most Likely To

This party game works best for close groups of friends or family members. Gather in a circle. Begin with one person asking, "Who's most likely to trip over their own feet?" (Or another situation, trait, action, etc.) Count down from three (performing a drumroll with your hands is encouraged) and then have everyone point at who they think would be most likely to do said act. Whoever has the most fingers pointed at them is out. Go around the circle asking, "Who's most likely to..." until all but one person is out. You can skip the eliminations to make the game last longer.

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