

## Discussion Guide Challenge Accepted Wk4

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# Ready, Willing, Open Handed

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### Main Idea

Our possessions, our skills, our time, and even our very lives are gifts from God. Maybe you didn't know this, but we are called to be good stewards of them. The definition of the word "Stewardship" is using God given abilities, to manage God given resources, to accomplish God ordained results. Stewardship is ultimately an act of placing items of value - in the place where it will GROW best.

### Psalm 24:1(NLT)

*The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to Him.*

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:7-11; 1 John 4:11; Proverbs 11:25; Acts 20:35; James 1:17; Romans 11:29; Hebrews 10:23; 1 Corinthians 2:5; John 15:5; Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 1:7; Luke 16:10;

### Generosity is Connected to the Heart

It's not WHAT you GIVE or WHAT you DO for God. It's the HEART behind the WHY you Do it. Giving and serving with the wrong attitude is not stewardship. How would you describe the heart behind your serving and giving? Would others (and God) agree?

Read: Proverbs 4:23

### Generosity is Connected to Every Season

The misconception is that I'll be generous when I have it all figured out, or when I have enough money. Referring to the parable found in Matthew 25, how are you being faithful with what God has entrusted you with right now? Which of the men best represents you?

Read: Proverbs 3:9; Matthew 6:21; Matthew 25:14-30; Acts 10:34; Ephesians 6:7

### **Generosity is Connected to Your Yes**

We have to be willing to align ourselves to God's plan. When you get your "yes" out of the way, and when you place everything in God's hands, you will eventually see God's hand in every area of your life. What area specifically is God waiting for your "yes"?

Read: 2 Corinthians 9:8

## **SUMMARY**

If you've been sitting on the sidelines wondering if there's room for you and your gifts, the answer is YES. I want to challenge you to go through growth track, join the dream team, and start investing in what God is doing here at Hope City through your tithes and offerings. God is not expecting us to do everything. He does, however, expect all of us to do something.

## **CALL TO ACTION**

1. If you've never committed to the giving of your tithe, by faith start now.
2. Find a note card, write "Don't Bury Your Potential" on it, and then place it somewhere that you will see everyday. When you see it, consider how you can live open handed and release what you've been given and live by faith.
3. Consider saying YES to serving during Days of Hope in the month of July. Check out [hopecity.com/days-of-hope](http://hopecity.com/days-of-hope) for more information.

## **GROUP LEADER RESOURCE**

### **Game: How Would You Change The World**

This will engage people's imaginations and help them share their passion. Ask the question, "How would you use \$1 million to change the world?" After everyone has had a chance to share, ask the same question about \$1,000 and then about \$100.

- You can end the ice breaker time by emphasizing to your group that everyone can make a difference by being generous, regardless of the amount of time or money.