

“Entrusted” Group Guide

Series: Tune My Heart: Generosity

Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

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ICEBREAKER: Share about something or someone precious who has been entrusted to you. What type of attention or care do you offer that person or possession?



Learning His Way: *Discovering the Way of Jesus*

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30 out loud together. What words or phrases stand out to you? What questions do you have?
2. Jesus describes the servants as stewards of the master’s property—not owners. How does seeing your money, time, relationships, and abilities as God’s, not yours, change the way you understand what it means to follow Jesus?



Forming His Heart: *How is God shaping my character and helping me to grow?*

3. Read Psalms 24:10: “*The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.*” Do you honestly believe these words of David? How has God or how is God shaping you to see yourself as an entrusted steward rather than an entitled owner?
4. ***Leaders:** *The following question may be challenging for some groups. If you feel that it would put people in a difficult place within your group, just read the question instead as: “For further consideration alone with God this week.”*

Consider the difference between weariness and laziness. Ryan stated, “The weary person needs rest and the lazy person needs repentance.”

- Do you feel weary? If so, how will you find rest this week?
- Do you feel lazy? If so, confess your laziness and ask for prayer for a heart that desires to invest what God has entrusted to you.



Joining His Mission: *What is God calling me/us to do?*

5. What “talents” has God given you? What is God asking you to do with what you have been given?

6. Where might Jesus be inviting you to step into a risk, a relationship, a generosity practice, or an act of obedience that requires faith? What might it look like to “go for it” rather than bury what God has entrusted to you?



Closing Prayer:

Pray for hearts that are more focused on faithfulness than on fruitfulness – asking God to give you eyes to see even the “little” areas where you can be generous.

For further practice this week:

Did you accept the 21-day generosity challenge last week? If so, keep going! If not, it’s not too late to start. Consider committing to the following this week, following the prayer prompts as your commitment to the One who has made you an entrusted steward.

1. Pray for a heart of generosity.

Monday: A Prayer to Reframe My Identity

“Father, tune my heart from ownership to stewardship. Help me see that everything I have — my time, talents, resources, and relationships — really belongs to You. Teach me to hold things with open hands, ready to use them for Your glory.” “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it.” (Psalm 24:1)

Tuesday: A Prayer to Trade Fear for Faith

“Lord, I confess that fear sometimes makes me bury what You’ve entrusted to me. Tune my heart to trust You enough to take faithful risks. Help me believe that when I step out in faith, You multiply what I offer.” “Fear buries our gifts; faith multiplies them.” (Matthew 25:25)

Wednesday: A Prayer to Re-Narrate My Desires

“Jesus, our culture teaches me to want more and to measure my worth by what I own. Tune my heart away from consumerism toward contentment. Help me find joy not in getting more, but in faithfully managing what You’ve already entrusted to me.” “Life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15)

Thursday: A Prayer to Reflect God’s Generous Heart

“Generous God, You give freely and sacrificially. Tune my heart to reflect Your self-giving love. Let my generosity be less about what You want from me, and more about what You want for me — a heart that mirrors Yours.” “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

Friday: A Prayer to Live the Blessed Life

“Lord, tune my heart to live as Your money manager, not as the owner. Teach me to see generosity as worship and stewardship as discipleship. May my life — and all I manage — point others to You.” “Well done, good and faithful servant... Enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25:23)

2. Start giving something.
3. Set aside a small amount to bless someone spontaneously.