# ENTRUSTED | WEEK 1

**MESSAGE-BASED STUDY**

**MEMBER GUIDE**

**Read:** Matthew 25:14-30

## Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's teaching? What challenged, convicted, or encouraged you personally?
2. Pastor Omar said that everything we have has been entrusted to us by God, not simply given to us as our own. How does that truth challenge the way you currently view your money and possessions?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 4:7 and Deuteronomy 8:18. Everything we have, including our ability to earn and provide, ultimately comes from God. How can comparing what you have with others lead to either pride or discontentment? How do these verses challenge you to view what God has entrusted to you differently?
4. What God has entrusted to us is temporary. If you truly lived with that understanding, what would change about the way you spend, save, and give?
5. The third servant said, "I was afraid," and his fear led him to bury what had been entrusted to him. Where does fear influence your financial decisions or keep you from being generous and obedient to God?
6. The servants with five and two talents received the exact same commendation because both were faithful with what God had entrusted to them. God measures our generosity by faithfulness and

sacrifice, not simply by the amount we give. As you look at your own life, would you say you are faithfully and sacrificially using what God has entrusted to you? Why or why not?

7. The last servant reminds us that while we are saved through genuine faith in Christ, the way we live, including how we handle what God has entrusted to us, reveals the genuineness of our faith. How does this challenge you as you look at your own life?
8. If God were to ask you today to give an account for how you have managed what He has entrusted to you financially, what would you be confident about? What would need to change?

**Application**

Take an honest look at your finances this week and ask yourself:

Does the way I manage my money reflect that I believe it belongs to God?

Identify one specific area where you have been using what God entrusted to you primarily for your own purposes rather than His. Then take one concrete step toward greater faithfulness.

Remember, God is not asking you to compete with someone else's generosity. He is asking you to be faithful with what He has placed in your hands.

**Pray**

Father, thank You for everything You have entrusted to us. Forgive us for the times we have lived as owners

instead of stewards. Help us recognize that everything we have comes from You and give us the wisdom and courage to use it for Your purposes. Make us faithful with whatever You have placed in our hands. In Jesus' name, amen.