# ENTRUSTED | WEEK 4

**NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026**
**Love God and Love Others** | *MATTHEW 22:34-40*

**MEMBER GUIDE**

## Discussion Questions

1. What stood out to you most from Sunday's teaching? What challenged, convicted, or encouraged you personally?
2. Read Matthew 22:37-40. Jesus simplified the law into two great commandments: Love God and love others. How does viewing money as a tool to fulfill these two commands change the way you think about your finances and the purpose of your budget?
3. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. Honoring God with our firstfruits means allowing our giving to shape the rest of our financial decisions. How would approaching your budget with this mindset change the way you determine what you can afford, what you prioritize, and what you may need to sacrifice?
4. After prioritizing our giving to God, we are still responsible for faithfully managing the rest of our finances. When you examine your budget, are there expenses or financial commitments that have become disproportionate or are creating unnecessary stress for you or your family? How might adjusting those priorities help you better honor God?

5. Loving others should also be reflected in how we manage our resources. We should leave room in our budgets to be generous toward others when God leads us. How intentional are you about creating that margin in your finances? What might need to change for you to be more available to meet the needs of others?
6. Sometimes we give because we expect God to bless us financially, while other times we give because we want to feel good about ourselves or receive recognition from others. How can we examine our motives and make sure our generosity is truly motivated by love for God and others?

**Additional Questions**

7. Read Luke 18:9-14. The Pharisee took pride in his giving and looked down on others. How can comparing our generosity to others lead us toward either pride or discouragement? What does it look like to give with humility and a genuine desire to honor God, regardless of the amount?
8. The illustration of the atlas bone reminds us that when it is properly aligned, it helps bring the rest of the spine into alignment. How does this illustration help you understand the importance of putting God first in your finances? Where might your financial priorities currently be out of alignment?
9. When you think about the way you spend money on your family, your lifestyle, and your future, how can

you distinguish between enjoying God's blessings and allowing those blessings to become more important than honoring Him?

**Application**

This week, take some time to review your budget or look back at your spending over the past month.

As you examine your finances, consider these two questions:

- Does the way I manage my money reflect that I love and honor God?
- Does the way I manage my money reflect that I love others?

Start by recognizing your income as God's provision. Then consider whether your giving reflects that God is your first priority or whether other expenses are determining what you have left to give.

Next, look at the rest of your financial decisions. Are there expenses that need to be adjusted? Are you managing your resources wisely and preparing for the future? Have you created margin to be generous toward others when God leads you?

Finally, examine your heart. Are you giving out of gratitude and love for God, or are you allowing pride, guilt, fear, or a desire for recognition to influence your decisions?

Identify one specific adjustment you can make this week to better align your finances with God's priorities.

Remember, God isn't asking everyone to give the same amount. He is calling each of us to take our next step of faithfulness and generosity, honoring Him with what He has entrusted to us.

**Pray**

Father, thank You for being our faithful provider and for entrusting us with resources to honor You and love others. Forgive us for the times we have allowed our own desires, fears, or priorities to shape the way we manage what belongs to You. Help us to put You first in every financial decision and to give with hearts that are humble, joyful, and sincere. Give us wisdom to steward our resources well and generosity to respond when You lead us to meet the needs of others. May the way we give, spend, save, and manage our money reflect our love for You and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' Name, amen.