

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Generous God, we come before You today acknowledging that everything we have—our time, our talents, our possessions, even the breath in our lungs—belongs to You. You are the Creator, the Owner, the Sustainer of all things. As we gather to study and reflect, open our hearts and minds to understand what it truly means to be managers of all that we have. Teach us to hold what we have with open hands, to use it wisely, and to live with gratitude and trust. Help us to see our lives not as our own, but as opportunities to honor You through faithful stewardship. May this conversation shape our attitudes, strengthen our faith, and draw us closer to Your generous heart. We offer this time to You, Lord, asking that Your Spirit guide our thoughts and words. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

SCRIPTURE PASSAGES

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹ Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Week 1 October 12, 2025
“Whose is it Anyway?”

INTRODUCTION

Asbury’s ‘Closing the Gap’ visioning campaign is an attempt to close the gap between the way the world is and the way God intended it to be. One important aspect for the success of our vision is having adequate financial resources. In this series, we explore what Jesus taught about the connection between our money, our possessions, and our faith. The result? Deeper faith and wider kingdom impact.

Biblical generosity is informed and fueled by the acknowledgment that God owns it all. We are simply managers. When we adopt that posture, we view everything we “own” as a potential tool to further the agenda of our King. Let’s adopt the manager mindset for one week. No action required. For the next seven days ask yourself, ‘what would I do in this situation if I really believed God owns it all?’

QUESTIONS

1. Does it make you uncomfortable when the pastor talks about money and giving? Do you think the pastor should or should not talk about money and giving?
2. What was modeled in the past concerning money often influences the assumptions you hold about money today. How was money handled in your house growing up?
3. What comes to your mind when you hear the word generosity?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 29:11–12 (on page 1). What’s your reaction to the idea that you are managing money that God entrusted to you? Does that match what you’ve thought about money before now?
5. If you truly embraced the idea that God owns it all and saw yourself as a manager, how might that impact your giving, saving, and spending habits?

FINAL APPLICATION

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