

PREACHING CURRICULUM

A Sacred Trust

Luke 12:35-48

"You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Read Luke 12:35-40. In this passage, Jesus uses two brief parables to illustrate the Kingdom of God. Recount each of these two parables in your own words. Also, identify the characters in each parable, and explain who they represent in real life.

What point is Jesus making with both of these parables? What do we learn about the Kingdom of God and our responsibility in it?

Read Luke 12:41-48. According to Jesus, what is the difference between a wasted life, and a life well-lived? How do these two ways of life differ in terms of attitude, actions, and final outcome?

How should we respond to this teaching of Jesus? What is our responsibility, and how does this teaching relate to the stewardship of our lives?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

What is the difference between an owner and a steward? When it comes to the management of your own affairs, do you generally operate with the mindset of an owner or a steward? Why?

Thinking about your life and all that you have, what areas of stewardship has God entrusted to you? How well are you doing in stewarding those areas? Are some of those areas easier for you to manage than others? If so, why?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What would it look like for someone to waste their life today? Conversely, what does it look like when someone stewards their life well?

What difference would it make in your day-to-day life if you deeply and truly believed that everything you have, including your life, belongs to God and that you are simply a steward? How would it change the way you handled your relationships, your career, your finances, your time, your abilities, your opportunities, and everything else in your life?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

What would it look like for you to steward your life well this week? How can you help others do the same?

