"Discipleship as Stewardship"

Why can I trust the Bible? (Week 1 of 4: The Right Books)

• Watch video together, use study guide for discussion (study guide sent via email)

LEARN

- 1. Read Luke 16:10-18 and ask someone to share the big idea from the sermon. What did you find challenging from the sermon?
- 2. What does Jesus mean when He says in v. 17, "But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void?"
- 3. How would you describe the word "stewardship" to a non-believer?
- 4. Many misunderstand the phrase, "God knows my heart." What does God's word say about our heart? Spend a few minutes referencing passages that answer this.

PRACTICE

- 1. Jesus gives three tests of true discipleship. What are the three tests mentioned in the sermon, and which of them exposes you the most?
- 2. Reflect on your discipleship. Are there seemingly small resources or opportunities in your life that you may be overlooking or not stewarding as faithfully as you should?
- 3. Is there something in your life that you're too attached to which could be preventing you from being enriched with true riches from God?
- 4. Could there be idols in your life that dictate your heart's attention and preoccupy your mind? If your answer is "no," do you have someone who helps with your accountability that would confirm that, or would they say otherwise?

Exercise: Discuss or role-play a situation with a person who clings to an incorrect understanding of, "God knows my heart." How would you graciously and lovingly interact with them and point them to the truth?

CHANGE

- 1. Is there something that you are worshipping that instead God has called you to steward? How do you right that relationship and steward these things to God's glory rather than be ruled by them?
- 2. Is there an area of your life where you've been a "self justifier" implying God's leniency to your sin? What does repentance look like for someone who has redefined sin or minimized Scripture?