



Week 1: What's Mine Is Mine



sermon follow-up guide

GET GOING!

• What's In Your Wallet?

Since we're talking about money, we better get our wallets and purses out! Pick one item from your wallet or purse that represents something about you (something like a picture, business card, receipt, etc.) and tell the group a little about that item!

GET PERSONAL.

1. Why do you think talking about money can be such a touchy topic? As we begin this new series, what's something that worries you about the subject?
2. Remember the story of the old woman who accidentally carjacked what she thought was her own vehicle? What's the danger in mistaking God's possessions as our own?
3. In your own words, how would you define the term *economic atheist*?

WHAT'S NEXT?

Read Acts 17:24-25

4. What does this passage tell us about God? In verse 25, the writer tells us that God gives life and breath and everything else. What are some of the things included in the *everything else*?
5. This week's big idea was that everything is owned by God and distributed by Him to be managed by us. In your opinion, what makes someone a good manager?

Read Matthew 25:14-27

6. What do you think was so bad about the way the third manager managed the master's resources? What was his excuse for managing so poorly?

I am not the owner.

7. What are some excuses we use to justify the times we manage God's resources poorly?
8. How can living as managers of God's stuff give us an increased sense of responsibility? At the same time, how can that give us a decreased sense of anxiety?
9. Sometimes we think that living according to God's blueprint will leave us wanting. What happened to the two faithful managers in the story? How can this give us the perspective we need to trust God, even with our finances?
10. How have you managed the money you were given at church this week? What are some creative ways we can use this money as a group to make a difference?

PRAY.

Thank God for allowing us to be His managers. Ask Him for wisdom so that we might manage our time, abilities, and resources in a way that is honoring to Him.

DON'T FORGET.

Encourage your group members to check out these passages during the week to keep the learning going and their relationship with God growing.

1 Chronicles 29:1-15, Deuteronomy 8:1-9, Deuteronomy 8:10-20, Luke 16:1-13, Psalm 100

For further application, use the App Notes which are posted each day on our Facebook Page. If you've missed this week's message, you can watch online at parkerhill.org