

### **Sermon Discussion Guide**

# 04.27.25 Message | Tyler Myers | 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 1 Corinthians 10:9-10, Jeremiah 29:11-13

## **Key Scripture (ESV):**

"All things are lawful," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful," but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor".

1 Corinthians 10:23-24

"We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer".

1 Corinthians 10:9-10

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart".

Jeremiah 29:11-13

### **Message Highlights:**

- Stewardship is not about money alone—it's about how we manage all of life's resources.
- Ownership belongs to God—we are stewards, not owners.
- Our reactions to stewardship often reveal deeper issues of fear, control and trust.
- Deception creeps in when we let culture or self define value instead of God.
- God's framework leads to a life marked by peace, margin, abundance and purpose.

## **CONVERSATION STARTER**

What is something small you once borrowed or were entrusted with that made you feel the weight of responsibility? How did it change the way you handled it?



#### **DISCUSS THE MESSAGE**

- Tyler said during the sermon that we have often avoided this conversation regarding healthy stewardship; not out of fear, but neglect. Why do you think stewardship is hard to talk about?
- One point made was, "It's God's world and we're just living in it." What does that mean to you? Is this a mindset you carry? How does this mindset challenge your daily decisions?
- The sermon mentioned how we often associate stewardship with money. What other areas of your life could reflect stewardship better?
- Tyler noted the differences between peace and anxiety, margin and being overextended.
  Where do you see yourself on that spectrum? How could you "steward" these areas of your life better?

### THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- 1 Corinthians 10:23-24 suggests not everything that is allowed is helpful. What are some "lawful" things in your life that might not build others up?
- 1 Corinthians 10:9-10 shows us the consequences of testing God and grumbling. How do these actions still appear in our lives today?
- *Jeremiah 29:11-13* is often quoted for encouragement, but what does it say about the conditions of seeking God?
- How do these three scriptures together form a framework for both freedom and responsibility?
- Where do you feel the tension between what is permissible and what is best in your own choices? (1 Cor. 10:23)

## THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

- What is one area of your life in which you most resist surrendering to God's ownership?
- When you think about your time, energy or money, what's one step you could take to honor God more fully?
- How does your view of God's ownership affect your day-to-day mindset?
- What would it look like for you to audit your stewardship this week? Would you be willing to make adjustments if you did audit your stewardship?
- How might practicing stewardship lead to greater peace and trust in your walk with Christ?



## **THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)**

- What are some ways you can model stewardship in front of your kids, coworkers or friends this week?
- Where might God be nudging you to use what you've been given to bless others?
- What part of this message could you share with someone who sees faith and finances as separate?

# THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- How does seeing God as the owner shift the way you think about his Kingdom?
- What's the difference between cultural success and Kingdom faithfulness?
- How does stewardship help position us to partner with God in restoring the world?