



# DISCUSSION GUIDE

PART 2: Heaven Rules    DATE: 03-18-2018

## START

- Think of these 3 things: power, prestige, and possessions. Which of these 3 things would you want to have, or have more of? Why?

## READ

- The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes and sets over them the lowliest of people. [Daniel:4:17](#)

## THINK

- In what ways do you see power, prestige, and possessions abused in our culture? In what ways does that shape our cultural priorities?
- Talk about a time when you've seen someone treat his or her personal influence as a temporary stewardship from God. How was that person unique? How did other people react to him or her?
- What is one area in which you're regularly tempted to look down on others—education, possessions, physical appearance, influence, experience, intelligence? What is the cost of giving in to your pride?
- Think about the areas of your life where you have the most influence, power, and prestige. What would it look like for you to treat those areas like a temporary stewardship from God for which you are accountable?

## PRAY

- Ask God to help you examine your life this week and to show you what parts of it you should begin to treat like a temporary stewardship from Him.

## ACT

- When you see someone with less—less sophistication, intelligence, education, money, or influence—you're tempted to think more highly of yourself. Pause for a moment and remind your pride that everything God has given you is a stewardship. It's temporary. You are accountable for how you use it.
- What is one thing you can do this week to remind your pride that you are just a steward of God's blessings? How can this group help you follow through?



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