## Freedom: Discovering Your Identity in Christ "Entrusted" John 8:36: Genesis 1

We discover the truth of who we are in light of who **God is**.

We break the bondage of **money** as we live out the truth of our identity.

Who God Is Who I Am

God is Creator. I am Created.

I have been lovingly created in the **image** of God.

I'm set free from **the lie** of having to prove or earn my worth.

I'm set free to discover **purpose** not pressured to invent it.

God is <u>Owner</u>. I am a <u>Owned</u>.

God has given me the responsibility to **manage** what He owns.

I'm set free from the lie that money and possessions **define** my identity.

I'm set free to **trust** God with what He's given me.

God is Blesser. I am Blessed.

I am blessed to be a **blessing**.

I'm set free from the lie that I have to **earn** God's favor and blessing.

I'm set free to **bless** others.

God is a <u>Giver</u>. I am <u>Entrusted</u>.

God entrusts to us what He has created, owns, and/or blessed us with.

God **teaches** us to trust by entrusting us.

**Money** is one of God's best trust training tools.

**Tithe** faithfully.

**Save** wisely.

**Use** gratefully.

**Give** generously.

All of life is about learning to **trust** God: who He is and what He says.

## LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

- 1. What was it like the first time your parents entrusted you to take the car out on your own?
- 2. How have you been tempted to believe any of the 3 lies mentioned in the sermon outline?
- 3. Are you living in the freedom of being set free from them? If so, how?
- 4. How does being a steward instead of an owner change the way you think about your finances?
- 5. Pastor taught us that money is one of God's best training tools to teach us about trust. Explain why. How's your "training" going?
- 6. What is one way God is asking you to trust him even more with your finances? As a group spend some time praying for the courage to follow His call.

## **Core CHRISTlike Characteristic:**

Trustworthy Steward of God's Resources/Living Surrendered