

## Backstage Pass: An Inside Look at the Greatest Prayer Ever Prayed

### “What am I supposed to do?”

#### John 17:4

As followers of Jesus, our purpose comes from His **purpose**.

1. We are here on this earth to **glorify** God:

by completing the work He has **entrusted** to us

2. We glorify God when we live as **trustworthy stewards**.

When God gives to us, He is **entrusting** us.

God has entrusted to us what **belongs** to Him.

Doing the work God has entrusted us to do through what God has entrusted us with is called **stewardship**.

3. We glorify God when we make **Christlike** disciples.

To begin his ministry Jesus said: “**follow me** as my disciple”

At the end of his ministry Jesus said: “**go and make** disciples”

There is an integral relationship between discipleship and stewardship; whenever we separate them, we **weaken** them.

Doing the work of God brings **glory** to God.

#### LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. How important is “finishing strong” to you? Tell your group of a time you did or didn’t “finish strong.”

2. We only drew from John 17:4ff to answer, from the life of Jesus, the question “how do you glorify God?”

a. Of the two answers (live as trustworthy stewards and make Christlike disciples), which one do you struggle with the most? Why?

b. What are some other answers from other Scriptures to that critical question (“how do you glorify God?”)

3. Pastor Jim took a sidebar and did a little primer on stewardship, teaching us that:

God owns everything.

God entrusts some to us.

God expects us to manage it for His glory.

Where are you in your understanding and practice of good stewardship? How are you managing what belongs to God?

4. Is there some work God has entrusted to you, that you’ve blown off or gotten sidetracked?

5. Why is the relationship between stewardship and discipleship so vital and important? How is it that separating them weakens them?

6. Depending on where you are in your own spiritual growth, where are you right now: do you need to be discipled or do you need to be discipling someone else? Ask God to connect you with someone whom either you could disciple or who could disciple you.

**Core CHRISTlike Characteristic: Trustworthy Steward of God’s Resources/Living Surrendered**