

Growth Group Questions

Stewardship: Beyond the Temple Walls #1, September 13, 2026

Introduction

When we heard the word “stewardship”, if we think of anything we probably think of money. This year’s stewardship series doesn’t talk about money at all. Instead our focus is on God’s Temple. Or specifically, going beyond the Temple Walls. Each week we explore how God calls us to something greater than a physical temple. This week, our focus is on recognizing our responsibility as believers, not to an institution or a building, but to people. Share with each other what that responsibility means to you.

Into the Word – Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 18-21

1. In the first seven verses, Moses reminds the Israelites why they will need to take responsibility for telling their children the “great things the LORD has done.” (V. 7) Why did they need to do it?
2. The Israelites had seen both great deliverances and great judgements. Why would their children and future generations need to hear about both? Why do we need to see both today?
3. We hear the second half of these verses often in worship, but not always with the first verses. What’s the relationship between the two?
4. In Israel today, you’ll find a little box on every hotel doorframe holding a small part of Scripture. Is that what Moses meant here?

Into the Word – 1 Timothy 4:1-16

5. What great and tragic thing did God reveal to Paul? When did/does this happen? (Once you’ve answered that, discuss “when are the Later/End Times?”)

6. According to verse 6, what makes someone a “good” minister of Christ Jesus? How is that different from many modern opinions?
7. Verse 10 was a major point in the sermon. We labor and strive precisely because we know that God is the hope for whom? If we truly embraced that truth, what would it look like in our church?
8. Verse 12 has long been a favorite of mine, even if I’m perhaps a little past “young”. How do we encourage the young among us to set the example Paul calls for here?
9. According to verse 16, what two areas do Christians need to be mindful about? How do we “persevere” in them?

Into the Word – Luke 6:43-49

10. “The mouth speaks what the heart is full of.” What sins does your mouth reveal about you? Pray for forgiveness and renewal. And know that you have it in Jesus!
11. Note in Jesus’ parable that the blessed one is the one who both 1) hears, AND 2) puts into practice. How can we improve in both areas?
12. What blessings can we expect for ourselves and for others when we hear Jesus’ words and put them into practice in our lives?

Closing Prayer

Jesus, I thank you for your promises of forgiveness and the home you have already set for me in heaven. Embolden me to put your words into practice today and in the future, that others might see my way of life and bring glory to our Father in heaven. Amen.