

Kingdom Builders: Steward Big | Ethan Matott | 11.27.22

Weekly Study

SHARE

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- **What were the best parts of your Thanksgiving break?**
- **What was the most impactful thing you heard during Ethan's sermon? What did that thing teach you about God? Yourself?**

On Sunday, we started our Kingdom Builders series with a message about Red Rocks Church's heart behind generosity and four reasons why we should generously steward all that God has given us. As we dive into this new series, we are celebrating what God has done through our church to make heaven more crowded and earth more whole and pray that this series inspires you to live openhandedly with the gifts that God has given you and that you accept the invitation to help build a generous generation.

We also want to encourage and equip you to sign up for **Ramsey+**, a resource that has a portal with a budgeting app, videos and trainings to help you understand the Biblical principles of money. In addition to that, **Financial Peace University** is kicking off at Red Rocks Austin on January 11. This 9-week course is free of cost and will teach you how to steward your finances well. Childcare will be provided! For more information, contact haley@redrockschurch.com.

GROW

Read Genesis 1:28.

We believe that one of the reasons why it is so important to “steward big” is **because it's why you exist**. This passage in Genesis talks about how we are to “*govern*” — another word for govern is to steward, or manage. We are invited to cultivate the earth — or steward our corner of the world — and bring

something beautiful out of it. There are people all over the world living without a sense of purpose even though they have everything they think they want. Many people have never plugged their time, talent and treasure into the kingdom of God. If you build your own kingdom (and keep building on that), you are going to continue to feel a lack of purpose. Instead, pour yourself into God's purpose for you — building the Kingdom of Heaven — and watch as you find yourself filled to overflowing because you're allowing your life to be used to help bring other people closer to Jesus.

- **What about this is most convicting for you personally?**
- **Do you feel like you're living with this sense of purpose that Ethan talked about above? If not, what do you want to do to move in that direction?**

Dive Deeper: For more wisdom on this topic, read *Sandcastle Kings* by Rich Wilkerson, Jr. and/or *Garden City* by John Mark Comer.

MOVE

Read Matthew 6:19-21, Luke 16:13-14, 1 Peter 4:10.

Steward big because it will free you. A lot of us don't want to let God in to certain areas of our lives and we end up having a tight grip on them, but as our fists continue to stay closed, we suffocate the life out of ourselves, the people around us and the things we possess. Closed fists also miss out — if we are holding life by a fist, God cannot pour out what He wants to give because we aren't ready to receive. One of the biggest chains that will hold believers down is finances.

Jesus talked about money a lot because He knows it can quickly become the greatest obstacle in our life to loving God and living at peace with the people we love. Jesus doesn't want our money; He wants our hearts. The more and more we get, the less fulfilled we really feel, but Jesus knows that stewardship breaks the chains of the stress that comes with financial pressure.

- **What is your gut reaction when a pastor or church leader talks about money?**

- **Is there something about your finances that you need to surrender to God? If not finances, what other area of your life do you feel the need to better steward?**

Dive Deeper: Get in touch with the most generous believer you know this week and ask them what they've learned over the course of their walk with Jesus about what it means to steward what they've been given. Share what you learn with your group!

P R A Y

Take time to pray as a group, inviting God to expand your faith in him and trust in His ability to provide for you in every situation.