



Lessons For Connection Groups



Discussion Questions For Connection Group Leaders

“HOW TO BECOME A GOOD AND FAITHFUL STEWARD”

Each week you will want to include the following components in your Connection Group meeting:

1. **Welcome** – This is a time for our group to have a little fun together and to get better acquainted with each other. It is a fantastic opportunity for us to glean insights into the life of each member. Use the group opener questions for this section of the meeting.
2. **Worship** – This is an occasion for us to turn our focus in the right direction. We spend time in praise and adoration to the Lord for who He is and what He has done in our lives. Let the worship lead you into a time of Spirit lead prayer and ministry to each other.

Ministry: Allow your group members to edify each other with the spiritual gifts that God has given to them. Pray for each other and allow the Spirit to minister through His people.
Is there a prophetic word? (A word of exhortation, edification, comfort) Is there a word of tongues and an interpretation? Does someone need special prayer? Etc.

3. **Word** – As a group, we open God’s Word, and we discuss the topic before us and learn how to apply the Word of God to our everyday situations. We take the sermon that was preached and make it applicable and practical to our everyday situations.
4. **Works** – We discuss and plan how we as a group will actively reach out to the lost and hurting around us. This is where we strategize how we will put “shoe leather” to the truth of God’s Word.

ENTRUSTED BY GOD: The Believer's Role as a Steward

Scripture References: I Corinthians 4: 1-5, Genesis 39:4-6, Psalm 24:1-2

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. If you were entrusted with managing a valuable treasure for someone else, how would you handle it? Why?
2. What is one thing you feel responsible for daily, and how do you ensure you take good care of it?

Discussion Questions:

- Group Facilitator – *It is not necessary to use all the questions provided. Select the ones that will stimulate the most response from your Connection Group.*
 1. What practical changes can you make to ensure you are stewarding your time wisely and in alignment with God's purposes? How can prioritizing prayer, Bible study, or service enhance your daily walk with Him?
Scriptural Reference: Ephesians 5:15-16 – "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
 2. What specific talents or spiritual gifts do you feel God has entrusted to you, and how can you use them more effectively to serve others in your church or community? What steps can you take to develop these gifts further?
Scriptural Reference: 1 Peter 4:10 – "As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."
 3. How does your approach to financial stewardship reflect your trust in God? What adjustments might you make to ensure your finances are being used to honor Him and bless others?
Scriptural Reference: Proverbs 3:9 – "Honor the Lord with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase."
 4. In what ways can faithful stewardship, as demonstrated by Joseph or Daniel, inspire you to be more diligent and intentional in your responsibilities? How does their example challenge or encourage you?
Scriptural Reference: Genesis 39:4-6 (Joseph) – "So Joseph found favor in his sight and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority."
Scriptural Reference: Daniel 6:3-4 (Daniel) – "Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm."

5. How does the promise of eternal rewards motivate you to remain faithful in managing the resources God has entrusted to you? What changes might you make to align your daily actions with this eternal perspective?

Scriptural Reference: Matthew 25:21 – “His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’”

Intentional Discipleship:

How can this passage bring transformation to my life? What specific action do I need to take? What practical lessons can we share with those we are discipling? *Please write it down! Start applying it! Please share it with others!*

CG Action Steps

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- Always have a spare Bible ready to hand out to anyone interested. If you hand out a Bible, follow up with the person by doing LTG. Only do LTG with a person of the same sex. If the recipient is a lady, endorse her to a lady and a man to a man.
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TIME WELL SPENT: Living Wisely in a Busy World

Scripture References: Ephesians 5: 15-18, Nehemiah 6: 1-5, Psalm 90:12

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. If you were given an extra hour each day, how would you spend it? What does your answer reveal about your priorities?
2. Think about a moment in your life when you felt like you used your time meaningfully. What made that moment impactful, and how can you create more of those experiences in your life?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. How does Ephesians 5:15-16 challenge you to view your time differently? What specific steps can you take to walk wisely and redeem the time? (Ephesians 5:15-16)
 2. What are some practical ways you can prioritize God's kingdom in your daily schedule? How does Matthew 6:33 apply to your life?
 3. How can planning and intentionality help you steward your time better? How does Proverbs 21:5 encourage diligent planning? (Proverbs 21:5)
 4. Reflect on the example of Nehemiah 6:3. What distractions might be hindering you from completing God's work, and how can you overcome them? (Nehemiah 6:3)
 5. What impact does good time stewardship have on your peace and satisfaction, as seen in Ecclesiastes 3:11? How can you experience more of this peace? (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

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FAITHFUL AND FREE : Aligning Your Finances with God's Plan

Scripture References: 2 Corinthians 8:1-7, Proverbs 21:5

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. If someone were to look at your last month's spending, what would they say is most important to you? How might this align -or not – with your values and priorities?
2. Imagine you were given \$1,000 today with the condition to use it for God's kingdom. What would you do with it? How does this reflect your understanding of faithful financial stewardship?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. What does it mean to recognize God as the owner of all your resources? How does Psalm 24:1-2 shape your view of financial stewardship? (Psalm 24:1-2)
 2. What practical steps can you take to eliminate debt and live within your means? How does Proverbs 22:7 speak to this issue?
 3. How does budgeting help you prioritize giving, saving, and spending? What principles from Proverbs 21:5 can guide your financial planning? (Proverbs 21:5)
 4. What does it mean to excel in the grace of giving, as Paul describes in 2 Corinthians 8:7? How can you grow in generosity? (2 Corinthians 8:7)
 5. What are some ways your financial stewardship can impact eternity? How does Matthew 6:19-21 challenge you to invest in God's kingdom? (Matthew 6:19-21)

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FROM POTENTIAL TO PURPOSE : Stewarding Your Gifts for the Kingdom

Scripture References: 1 Corinthians 12:1-30, Romans 12:3-8

Group Opener: (*Choose a question for your connection group to discuss.*)

1. If you could use one talent or ability you have to make a difference in your church or community, what would it be? How do you think it could bless others?
2. Have you ever discovered a skill or gift you didn't realize you had? What encouraged you to use it, and how did it impact others or your relationship with God?

Discussion Questions:

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 1. What are some spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 and Romans 12, and how do you see these gifts at work in your church community? (1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Romans 12:6-8)
 2. How can you differentiate between natural talents and spiritual gifts? Why is it important to understand this difference? (1 Peter 4:10)
 3. What steps can you take to discover and develop the spiritual gifts God has given you? How does James 1:5 encourage us to seek God's wisdom in this process? (James 1:5)
 4. What are the potential consequences of neglecting our spiritual gifts? How does the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30 apply to this? (Matthew 25:24-30)
 5. How can using our gifts and talents glorify God and bless others? What role does collaboration in the body of Christ play in this process? (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

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