

Session





Personal Study Guide

How Our Stewardship Supports the Vision


October 4, 2020

Introduction


 Do you have a favorite sports team that you follow? Who is it? What made you first start being a fan?

 Have you ever been guilty of coaching through the TV screen or from the stands? Why is this fruitless, even if the players can hear you from the stands?


1. Under Authority (Gen. 2:8-15a)

 Why do Christians need an authority in their lives? Should we view this authority as positive or negative? Explain.


 What would be the result if people didn't have God's authority to rest in and submit to?

 Application: Do you rejoice that you are a creature under authority? Do you submit to and rest in the authority of God? Why or why not? What needs to change in your view of God's authority over your life?


2. The Job Description (Gen. 2:15b)


 What role did God give Adam in the garden? What does this teach us about stewardship?


 Why is submission to God's authority in our lives always the best way to live?

 Application: Adam was entrusted with the garden. What has God given you to steward? Have you been faithful? What are some steps that you need to take this week in order to be a faithful steward of what God has given you?


3. Provision and Limitation (Gen. 2:16-17)


 What are some ways God has provided for all people whether they recognize it or not?


 Why did God have the right to limit Adam? Why couldn't Adam have decided for himself the best way to live his own life?

 Application: Are you a diligent worker who faithfully discharges the duties with which you have been entrusted? Why or why not? Are you cognizant of the fact that the provision that comes to you through your hard work actually proceeds from the hand of God? Do you thank Him for it or do you take credit yourself?

Conclusion

 What does it mean to be a steward? What are you stewarding? What are the things we have been called to steward as a church?

 Have you been acting as an owner or a steward? What is the difference between the two? What needs to change in your life?

 How does living as faithful stewards set us up for gospel conversations with those who don't yet believe?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Genesis 1:26-31

- Tuesday - Genesis 2:8-17

- Wednesday - Matthew 25:14-30

- Thursday - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4

- Friday - 1 Peter 4:10-11

- Saturday - 1 Corinthians 10:31