



MARGIN: Making Room for What Matters

Week 1

Pastor Derek

February 1, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- What is one of your most valuable possessions? How did you obtain it?

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

- Read [Genesis 1:1; Psalm 24:1-2 \(NIV\); Nehemiah 9:6](#)
 - o What do these passages tell us about who God is? What is God doing in these verses?
 - o How do these observations support the statement, "God owns it all?"
- Read [Deuteronomy 8:10-18 \(NLT\)](#)
 - o Make a list of all the ways this passage recalls God's care for His people. What do these tell us about God's character and heart for His people? Why do you think God allows His people to go through hard situations that require His divine provision?
 - o What is the warning found in this passage?
 - o In what conditions are we most likely to forget who God is and where our blessings come from? Why do you think that is? How can we 'take care' to not forget?
- If all things belong to God, our role in this world is that of manager or steward. What is the difference between stewardship and ownership?
- How does understanding our stewardship role impact your perspective on money, possessions, etc.? What do you find most difficult about approaching life from that point of view?
- What would change in your daily decision-making process if you intentionally thought about all resources as God's versus yours?
- Read [Matthew 25:14-29](#)
 - o Why do you think Jesus taught this parable to His disciples? What is His expectation of how we are to handle all that He has entrusted to us?
 - o What challenges you most about this teaching? How trustworthy are you/have you been in handling God's resources? How can you grow in faithfulness with what you have been given?



GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

- If you really believed God owned it all, your bank account, your home, your career, your time, what would you do differently this week?
- Share a small, actionable step with an accountability partner and check in with each other throughout the week.



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Week 2

Pastor Derek

February 8, 2026

Life Group Discussion

CONNECT: *Make time for encouragement, relationship-building, and prayer.*

- Share about a time when you were blessed by giving to someone or by receiving someone's gift to you.

GROW: *Engage with God's word, one another, and the Dream Disciple tools and practices.*

Scripture: [Luke 14:28-30](#); [Proverbs 21:5](#); [Galatians 6:2](#); [James 5:16](#); [2 Corinthians 9:6-11](#)

Questions:

- What was one big takeaway for you from the sermon?
- Derek said about 2/3 of Jesus' parables and teachings referenced money and possessions. Why do you think Jesus spent so much time on this?
- **Luke 14:28-30** and **Proverbs 21:5** speak to the need for financial planning and accountability. What are some roadblocks to this planning? What are some first steps to getting control in this area?
- Read **Galatians 6:2** and **James 5:16**. How do you think our societal reluctance to talk about our finances can hinder us from practicing these principles of community? How can we overcome this?
- Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**. List the promises about giving in these verses. How do you feel as you read these promises? What steps in giving do they prompt you to make?
- How do you think control of your personal finances affects your ability to be an Intentional Friend and an Embedded Influencer?

GO: *Put your learning into practice and hold one another accountable.*

- Do you really believe "God owns it all?". If so, how will you live differently this week?



- This week, every time I walk into a store or get ready to spend, I will whisper this prayer, "This is Yours, God. Help me steward it well."