



## WEEK 3

### Here to Serve: Stewardship Priority\*

### Seek First the Kingdom

#### How Did it Go?

Over last week, did you . . .

- Listen, answer questions, and encourage family members in the faith?
- Pray for Alpha? Invite someone to Alpha?
- Sign up to greet or usher at a worship service?
- Register to join the Local Partner Field Trip to the Nehemiah Center on September 22?
- Pray for missionaries in hostile places like Iran?

If you didn't implement something from last week, what could you do differently this week so that you can?

#### Watch

[Week 3 Video | Jesus in All of Luke, Video 10, Luke 12-13:9](#)

[Session Video](#) (4 minutes)

#### Read

Read these verses out loud: Luke 12:29-32; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Philippians 4:15-20.

#### Discuss

**HEAD** (10–15 minutes)

1. How would you phrase these passages in your own words? What stands out to you?
2. What barriers do you face as you seek to put God and His kingdom first in your life?
3. How do the themes of seeking first the kingdom, putting God first in your life, and being generous in supporting the mission of Jesus in the Scriptural texts referenced (Luke, Deuteronomy, Philippians) motivate you to be generous?

## HEART (15–20 minutes)

1. How do you feel about growing in generosity to family, neighbors, community, city, the world? Is it intimidating? Exciting? Humbling?
2. What are you naturally drawn to support with your time, talent, and resources?
3. How might God be calling you to be generous with your stewardship in this season of your life?

## HANDS (10 minutes)

Brainstorm ways that you can reflect the love of God and draw people to Jesus today. Here are some possibilities:

1. **Your family** - Discuss financial matters (age appropriate) and the importance of generosity to the church.
2. **Your community** - Ask a neighbor or a friend who is curious about your faith to join you for Alpha starting October 6 at 7pm with dinner for 8 weeks. Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore questions about faith in a non-judging space. Everyone is welcome in this safe discussion space. For more information contact Assistant Pastor of Outreach, Emmanuel Paulpeter at [epaulpeter@fpchouston.org](mailto:epaulpeter@fpchouston.org).
  - a. Pray for our church to invite their non-Christian or Christian-but-searching friends to Alpha.
  - b. Pray for skeptics and seekers who come to the movie group, Ted Talk group, and Taco group to be willing to try Alpha.
  - c. Pray for this Alpha to be a space where we will have at least ten beginnings of people's journey of faith towards the love of Jesus.
3. **Your church** - Complete your stewardship commitment for this fiscal year in person or electronically. For more information go to <https://fpchouston.org/resources/online-pledge/>
4. **Your city** - Plan to join the one-hour Local Partner Field Trip on September 22 at noon to the Nehemiah Center, which is in walking distance from FPC. Other midday Local Partner Field Trips will be offered October 27 (Restoring Justice), November 17 (Open Door Mission), and January 26 (Houston Welcomes Refugees). Visit this link to register for these and other local service opportunities that fit individuals, families, and groups: <https://fpchouston.org/serve/ways-to-serve/upcoming-opportunities/>.
5. **The world** - Pray that FPC would be wise and generous in its support of the work of Jesus Christ throughout the world, and that we would be awakened to the opportunities to reach the nations from right here in Houston.

\*To learn more about Stewardship, visit: <https://fpchouston.org/resources/giving/>