

God Owns It All

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BIG IDEA

We can't flourish if what we hold has a hold on us.

KEY SCRIPTURES

*Psalm 24, Genesis 1, Ephesians 2:10,
Ecclesiastes 5:19, Ephesians 1:22,
Matthew 19:16-24, Jeremiah 29:13
Matthew 11:28-30*

1. Psalm 24 begins with a statement, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it". What are the implications of a statement like Psalm 24:1? What challenges might this present to believers and non-believers?
2. Time, talents, and treasures. Take some time to list some for yourself and at least one another person in your life. Which of those things you listed are being "owned" and which are being "stewarded"?
3. It is easy to confuse comfort with freedom. Describe the freedom you have in Christ. Is that freedom important to you, why or why not?
4. What are some examples of idolatry? Try to come up with a few examples that would probably be considered good things by the world's standard. (i.e. money or health). What is the difference between a "good thing" and an "idol"?
5. What does it mean to say "We belong to God"? How might those words impact your decisions each day?
6. How would you define a blessing? How might the "world" define a blessing? Why do you think so many people seek blessings (in life, at work, and in their prayers) before seeking Him and His Kingdom?
7. Is it better to live one day at a time or plan where you want to be this time next year? What would it look like to be flourishing now and in the future?
8. In your depiction of flourishing, what changed? Was it an external circumstance, an internal struggle, or something else? Did anything change, why or why not?
9. How is God calling you in this season of your life? What or where are you investing your time, talents, and treasures in during this season?
10. God owns it all. And the best is yet to come. What sort of actions in your life reflect those words, or what actions will reflect those words?