

# ABC's of Financial Freedom - Attitude

## Week 1- Discussion Guide



### Icebreaker

When you hear the word "money," what's the first emotion that comes to mind? Stress, excitement, fear, joy, something else?

### Read

Take turns reading Matthew 25: 14-30

### Discuss

God is the master and we are the servants that are "entrusted" with money in the Parable of the talents. Psalm 24:1 states "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it..."

- **How does understanding that God has entrusted you with money and resources change your perspective on your current finances and the way you view your "stuff" and money?**
- **How does it change your attitude when you shift from viewing yourself as an "owner" to a "manager"?**

In verses 16-18 we read what the servants do with the money they have been entrusted with.

- **What stands out to you about the different actions of the three servants?**

We read in verses 19-23 that the master was pleased with the servants who invested their money well.

- **What does this response from the master tell us about God's desire for our financial stewardship and His reaction to our faithfulness, even with seemingly "small amounts"?**

Continuing on in the rest of the passage we read about the third servant. The third servant acted out of fear and attempted to blame the master for his own inaction.

- **What might the third servant's decision to hide the money, driven by fear, imply about our own approach to what God has given us?**
- **What would it look like to replace fear with trust in God?**

Philippians 4:11-13 says "Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength."

- **Are you finding contentment in Christ or are you looking elsewhere?**

### Application

Money is the number one competitor to God for your heart. God wants your heart and your trust to be in Him, not in unreliable money. When we shift our view to understand that everything we have is on loan from God, given to us to manage, then it allows God to be central in our financial decisions.

- **What is your next step in the journey to experience financial freedom? (i.e. track your spending, develop a budget, emergency fund, etc.)**
- **What would it look like for you to begin managing what God has entrusted you with?**

### Prayer

Take some time to intentionally pray over your finances as a group. Ask God to reveal any areas where your trust is misplaced or where your attitude towards money needs to align more with His principles.