

Discipleship 101
Learning to Take Christianity Seriously

Session #8—It's All His: Life in the World

Review

1. Baptism is a matter of _____, i.e., stories, FoMO, happy endings, lifestyle (discipleship), and idolatry.
2. Our stories need to _____, so we can be raised in God's story. This first happens in _____ but continues to happen through God's Word and the Lord's Supper (the Means of _____).
3. Two claims that capture the Christian life. 1) Sin has no _____ over you. 2) You have no _____ over sin.
4. How does this understanding of Baptism impact how we: believe...behave...belong?

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GOD



1. At your table, answer the question, "With whom do we have more in common, a squirrel or God and why?"
2. Read Psalm 50:8-15 and Psalm 24:1. These verses establish a teaching of first importance desperately needed by the world and the Church, and it's

one of the most basic lessons of the Christian faith (without which none of the other things about which we've spoken makes sense). He is _____, and you are _____.

3. Illustration. A series of questions...
4. We tend to leave the big stuff in God's ownership (universe, etc.), but why do you think we forget that it's all His down to the smallest detail?
5. YOU ARE A _____!!! A Special Creature that has been:
 - a. God breathed to life and formed with his very hands.
 - b. Given dominion of the Earth.
 - c. Given responsibility for taking care of (i.e., being stewards of) His entire creation.
 - d. responsible for casting the creation into a curse through Sin.
6. There was no confusion about what our place is before Adam and Eve fell into sin. God was God, we were not. Ever since we have been struggling with the most basic of realities: God is God and We are Not!!!
7. It's my life, I can do what I want... Really? You're not the boss of me? The Church just wants my money?
8. The Main Point of Today's Lesson: It's all _____!
_____ of it!
9. Rev. 4:11. The Apostles' Creed. 4th Petition of the Lord's Prayer.
10. Tree analogy.
11. Nothing makes sense without this most basic of teachings: ITS ALL HIS!
(Not even _____.)
12. There is a giant line between God and us, His creatures. Our desire to cross this line and make ourselves God is what we call _____. Yet,

Jesus came across this line between us and God to become a creature and save us. Philippians 2:3-11.

13. The only thing you own is a _____ nature. The only thing you create is _____.
14. It's All His. _____ is His to give. _____ is His to give. _____ you own is His to give: your children, your money, your car, your very life.
15. So, let's get personal. Let's go where no pastor is supposed to go.



16. All of life is stewardship. Literally, it's who we were created to be, so I could literally choose anything, but let's go for the most sensitive (why not?).
17. I can't tell you how many times around the subject of money, I have heard things that are just plain sinful and destructive.
 - a. It's my money, it's no one else's business.
 - b. The church is always talking about money.
 - c. Why is the church talking about Money so much, what does this have to do with faith?
18. In light of what we've learned, why is money so sensitive?
19. In light of what we've learned, why don't the above statements make sense?
20. This is why giving in the New Testament is marked by these four characteristics:
 - a. Voluntarily and cheerfully.

- b. Our firstfruits.
 - c. Proportionally.
 - d. Faithfully.
21. Nevertheless, you cannot understand, grasp or appreciate tithes or offerings without faith in the most basic of truths: ITS ALL HIS!
 22. It's not your money, you only possess it because He has given it to you to manage. And not just the part that you give as a first fruit, but the rest of it as well. He calls us to manage wisely and to use it to support our family, to bring glory to His name, and to serve our neighbors.
 23. There is no area of life in which God is not intimately and actively involved. It's His Creation.
 24. And we are His Stewards...it's what we are created for. Literally. It is inherent to our purpose and design, our righteousness. ,
 25. We were created to be Fruitful and Multiply and to be Stewards of God's creation.

We are Stewards of the children God has given us.

We are Stewards of the Homes that we live in.

We are Stewards of the Cars we Drive.

We are Stewards of the earth we live on.

We are His Stewards of everything in life because everything we have in life is from Him.

FOR MY LIFE AND ALL WITHIN IT ARE NOT MY OWN.