



## Small Group Discussion Guide

February 12, 2017

### Sermon Title:

"Managing Life: the Gospel"

**Sermon Text:** Romans 1:1-6, 16, 17

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 112:1-10

**Leader:** Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting, and then have someone offer a brief prayer for God to meet with your group.

**Getting Started:** What age were you when you first started attending church? When do you remember beginning to understand the Gospel of Jesus?

### Discussion:

1. God has given humanity responsibilities ever since the Garden of Eden. Read **Genesis 2:15** and discuss what God expected of Adam.
2. As we introduce this sermon series, you will hear us using a couple of words interchangeably: 1) Steward and 2) Manage. Do you interpret these words differently? If so, how?
3. When we speak of stewarding the gospel, we have an understanding about the duties of a steward, but what about the gospel? Do you know what the word means? (**Reference Mark 1:1** (NIV) or modern translation will tell you.)
4. In your mind, what are some of the components of the "good news" about Jesus? What good news did he come to bring?
5. Once we determine the content of the gospel, what steps are necessary to steward it well? Here are the points the Pastor mentioned:
  - \* **Receive it.** (**Reference: 1 Corinthians 15:1,2**) What did Paul want to remind his readers of? What response to his preaching had they already made? What was the content of his gospel message? (**Refer back to question #4 as you read 1 Cor.15:3**)
  - \* **Live it.** Here's where the 'managing' side of things come in. How will you exert control and leadership as you (and your family) relate to the gospel? How did Joshua respond as the head of his household? (**Reference: Joshua 24:15**)
  - \* **Guard it.** Jesus has enemies. The gospel will be met with resistance. How is that depicted in the scriptures? (**Reference: Matthew 13:1-7, 16-23**)  
THOUGH NOT ALL OF THE SEED WE SOW TAKES ROOT, WE MUST STILL SOW IT!
  - \* **Share it.** Are you a person who loves to share good news? Generally, we do. IF our salvation through Jesus is as important as we claim it to be, and since it is NECESSARY for one to enter heaven, shouldn't we share it joyfully and freely? We must be bold in our witness for Jesus.....not ashamed! (**Ref: Romans 1:16**)

**Closing:** Close by praying for each other. Go **SHARE JESUS . . . in Service!**