



Week One

God Owns It All

OPENING

- How can possessions end up possessing their owner?
- What is one of the most expensive things you own (or finance)? How does it own *you*?

READ MARK 4:1-9

- What are the four soils described in the parable and the effect on the seed?
- Which was the most productive?
- What can farmers do to keep soil productive for the best crop possible?

READ MARK 4:10-20

- How does each type of soil reflect the condition of one's heart?
- When it comes to money and possessions, which of these soils best reflects our culture?
- In what ways does God's vision for wealth not take root in some people?
- How does wealth and possessions choke the Word in your life?

READ PSALM 24:1, EXODUS 19:5, DEUTERONOMY 10:14, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:19

- What does God's Word say about ownership?
- How can the truth of real ownership shape our attitude toward the things we own?

MAKING IT REAL

- How would you treat your money and possessions if you viewed them as God's—not your own?
- What would it take to transfer all you own back to God's ownership? How might this affect your generosity?
- Consider giving away one valuable thing which has owned you. Transfer the ownership back to God and give it away. Check in with your group next week and share how it felt to release it.

"When the Possessor of heaven and earth brought you into being, and placed you in this world, he placed you here not as a proprietor, but a steward."

John Wesley

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time in prayer surrendering all you are and all you have to God's ownership. Thank Him for all He has given you and the freedom that comes from releasing all of our possessions to Him. Pray that He would cultivate the soil of your heart to be receptive to God's Word on money and possessions.