

# KINGDOM NOMICS ✨

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Week 1

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a group or Bible class.

**Jesus talked about money more than any other subject except the kingdom of God. Disciples are called to reshape their values and realign their priorities to embody the economic principles of another kingdom. We are called to practice kingdomnomics.**

**1** Read **Matthew 6:24**. Why does Jesus talk so much about money? Why is our relationship to money a kingdom issue?

**2** KINGDOMNOMICS 101: *God owns all!* God claims that He has a claim on everything (see **Psalm 24:1, Deuteronomy 10:14 and Psalm 50:9-12**). Stewardship begins with resolving the question of ownership. Why is this a top-button issue?

**3** KINGDOMNOMICS 101: *We are not self-sufficient beings.* Read **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**. The Bible rejects the notion that we can exist independent of God's benevolence. What happens when we affirm this truth, and what happens when we don't?

**4** You will never be free from worry until you believe in a God who is able to provide for His children out of His abundance and goodness. In what ways are struggles like worry and envy really a struggle with the idea that "God owns all"?

**5** KINGDOMNOMICS 101: *We should not resent or resist what God wants to do with what's His.* Kingdom people understand that God blesses their work

so that they can bless the work of God in the world (see **2 Corinthians 9:11**). How should this affect our attitude about generosity?

**6** KINGDOMNOMICS 101: *We do not give to God as much as we return to God.* What are some of the implications of this truth?

**7** Read **Malachi 3:6-12**. Tithing is never treated in scripture as an act of generosity, but as an act of obedience. That is why the Bible never says *give the tithe*; it says *bring the tithe*, because the tithe *belongs to the Lord*. Why do so many people struggle with the idea of tithing?

**8** DISCIPLESHIP 101: *Jesus owns me!* Discipleship begins with the truth that Jesus owns me. What are some of the implications of this truth (see **Luke 14:33**)?

**ACTION STEP** *Stewardship (God owns all) is really all about Discipleship (Jesus owns me). Jesus' mission was not to make money; it was to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20) and that begins when we surrender (when we "give up"). Surrender is not when we give up something, but when we give up everything. Reflect on this question each day this week: How deeply has the truth that God owns all penetrated your heart? What is one thing you can do to put this truth into practice this week?*