CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH	Voices: Who Are You Listening To? - Stewardship
BIG IDEA	God owns it all. We are called to steward well what He has blessed us with.
ICE BREAKER	When you were a kid, what was something you were convinced was "yours" that your parents had to remind you they actually paid for? How did you react?
MAIN POINTS	 Jesus talks about money more than Heaven and Hell combined. Why? Because He's after your heart, not your wallet. Ownership confusion is something we're all born with. Everything we have—money, time, relationships, opportunities— actually belongs to God. Stewardship means managing God's resources according to His purposes. In God's Kingdom, failure isn't trying and falling short. Failure is burying what God put in your hands. Practical stewardship follows a simple order: Give first. Save second. Live on the rest.
DISCUSS	 In the parable, the master entrusts different amounts to each servant. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that God expects faithfulness rather than equal results? The one-talent servant describes the master as "a hard man." How does a wrong view of God affect the way we handle what He gives us? Where do you see "ownership confusion" show up in your own life? What triggers the "mine!" response in you? If you honestly evaluated how you manage your time, money, and opportunities, would you say you're investing or burying what God has given you? Shan shared this framework: "Give first. Save second. Live on the rest." What would need to change in your budget or priorities to put this into practice? Imagine standing before Jesus one day with open palms, able to say, "I didn't bury what You gave me. I invested it." What would need to be true of your life between now and then for that to be your story?
NEXT STEP	Identify one way this week that you can "invest" with what God has given you.
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 24:1 The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it II Corinthians 9:6-8 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.
NEXT WEEK SNEAK PEAK	Join us next week and invite a friend as we continue in the the series Voices: Who are you Listening to?

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