



PARADIGM

Empowerment



**WHOLE-LIFE
COLLABORATIVE**

INTRO

We believe empowerment is stepping into what God has for us together.

Are we *being* affirming of our neighbors' dignity in what they steward?

Are we *doing* the harder work of making space for others to steward what is theirs?

May the Spirit redefine what is successful and give us patience in tending what we are to steward and discovering what others are to steward.

MEAL ONE

Read: Psalm 50; Romans 11:34-36; Matthew 25:14-30

Who grants ownership/stewardship? Who owns all things?

Read: Mark 8:1-8; Luke 10:1-23

How do we see Jesus give the disciples authority (responsibility)?

Practice: Make a list of the things that you steward (possessions, talents, experiences, status, relationships).

Go Deeper: Do a word study on the Holy Spirit and note all the ways He empowers us.

MEAL TWO

Read: [Ephesians 1:15-23](#); [3:7-10](#); [Acts 20:17-32](#)

In light of God's ownership of the church, how does Paul view and treat the Ephesians?

Read: [1 John 2:26-27](#)

What is the source of John's confidence that the church will steward well the teachings of Jesus?

Practice: List the characteristics and actions of people you look up to whom you would attribute your growing in ownership of your walk with Jesus.

Go Deeper: Read [“The Missing Piece in American International Missions”](#) by Courtlandt Perkins.

MEAL THREE

Read: [Matthew 16:13-20](#); [John 18:33-36](#)

How do we see Jesus give space for people to discover and steward what they believe?

Read: [2 Timothy 1:8-14](#); [2 Timothy 2:1-7](#)

What end did Paul have in mind from the beginning of his relationship with Timothy?

Practice: Think about a conversation you have had that made you feel affirmed and another where you felt belittled. List and compare traits in those conversations.

Go Deeper: Read [The COACH Model](#) by Keith Webb

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