

FREQUENCY

A GATEWAY SERIES

Steward His Spoken Word Robert Morris

Focus When we believe God has spoken something to our hearts, it is our responsibility to steward that word. Stewardship is more than just managing our finances. The better we manage God's resources, the more we will have to manage. In the same way, if we steward or manage God's spoken word, we will hear Him more.

Fun If you could have a two-minute face-to-face conversation with any famous person, who would it be and what would you talk about?

Review Key Scripture: Mark 4:24–25

- **Steward what you hear.**

Jesus taught that we must heed and steward what we hear. We will hear more if we steward well what we hear. Further, if we don't steward the words God gives us, then even what we have will be taken away. God is speaking all the time, but we need to listen—tune into His voice. Satan is also trying to speak to us. Jesus warns us to be very careful what we hear and how we steward it.

- **Steward how you hear.**

Becoming a good steward requires us to walk in humility. God will resist the proud, but He will give grace to the humble. Prideful people think they never miss God's voice, but what they are really listening to might be a familiar spirit. It's important what we hear and how we hear—with humility.

- **Heed what you hear.**

We are essentially fleeing from God, in the same way Jonah fled to Tarshish, when we don't obey (heed) what God has spoken to us. Fleeing from God's

spoken word causes us to live without His presence in our lives. God wants to speak to us, but we must be ready to hear and then to obey His word.

Group Dynamics Idea Summer is a great time to plan a retreat with your small group. Determine what type of retreat would work best for your groups' dynamics, and get ready to make some wonderful memories this summer!

Discuss

1. Do you think God speaks today? Describe what it looks like, sounds like, or feels like when God speaks to you.
2. What does stewardship mean to you? Do you think the principle of stewardship should include God's spoken word? Why or why not?
3. What is the scariest or most challenging thing God has ever asked you to do? Why was it particularly scary for you?
4. Pastor Robert spoke about the importance of being careful what we hear. Why do you think he said that? Have you ever had a personal experience where you needed to be careful about what you heard?
5. Pastor Robert reminded us that God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. How can we be humble or walk humbly? What does this look like and how do we know we really are being humble?
6. Has God spoken anything to you that you haven't obeyed? Have a moment of silence. Give everyone in the group a moment to ask the Holy Spirit what He is saying to them. What is God speaking to you that you need to heed?

Take Home

As we conclude, remember the following:

- We need to manage and steward God's spoken word.
- We must be careful what we hear and how we hear it.
- We must obey the word God has given us.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for all the ways You love and care for us. Open our ears to hear You more. Help us to hear Your words with a humble heart. We want to follow You, and we desire to steward Your spoken word. Today, remind us of anything You have spoken to us in the past that we may have

forgotten. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to then heed and obey Your word.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip Strategically use the first five minutes of your group to make members more relaxed. Laughing together is a great way to get everyone to feel more comfortable. Be open with the group members, and try to model transparency for them. This will help to encourage open communication and connection throughout the group time.