

1. The world tells us we are owners, but we are called to be stewards.
 - a. **Psalms 24:1-2**
 - b. **1 Cor 4:2, 7**
 - c. This is one of our toughest challenges as Christians
 - i. In 1999, Simons and Chabris did an experiment that shows how easy it is to be so focused on one thing that we miss the big picture (2 teams throwing basketballs, and gorilla walks into the picture... it's on youtube if you want to show it).
 - ii. What are the things that take so much of our focus that we miss the bigger picture God is trying to show us?
 - iii. How do we avoid being completely consumed by the whirlwind of life (or rather, how do we carve out time to identify what God's plans are for us)?
 - iv. Are we investing our time in the right ways, or has God been nudging you to spent more time in prayer and the Word?
2. Time, talents, and treasures
 - a. How do we use what God has given us?
 - i. **Matthew 25:14-30**
 1. There's risk, but God is the owner, we just have to faithfully steward
 - a. What's riskier: putting everything on the line for the Kingdom of God and "losing" it all, OR playing it safe?
 - b. How are we playing it safe?
 - c. What are some big next steps God is calling you take?
 - d. What are the gifts God has given us that we aren't taking advantage of? OR What are some outside the box examples of how you are using the unique gifts God has given you?
 2. Is it possible to be "all in, all the time"?
 3. **Malachi 1:8-10**
 - a. What makes you different than what the Israelites were doing?
 - b. God has placed us here for a reason, what's that reason?

CONSIDER: Taking the last 10 minutes to split into separate groups of men and women to pray.