Kingdom Stewardship – Lesson 2 – Group Discussion

1. A covenant is a divinely created bond between two people. In a covenant, there are expectations for both parties. Marriage is an example of a covenant. What are the expectations of both parties in marriage?

2. There is also a covenant between God and Christians. What are the expectations for both parties in this covenant?

3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. In what ways is stewardship of all of life part of the covenant between God and His people?

4. Dr. Evans states that the covenant is the administrative mechanism of the kingdom and that God does His kingdom work through His covenant. Explain how God accomplishes His work through the covenantal agreement He has with His people.

5. Tony Evans likens the covenant to an umbrella. The kingdom steward who lives by the covenant is covered by the umbrella. Explain what it means for the kingdom steward to live under the umbrella of the covenant.

What are the benefits of living under the covenant?

6. Some choose not to live by the covenant. These people are not covered by the umbrella. What does this mean? In what ways do people live outside of the covenant?

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7. Dr. Evans uses several word pictures to illustrate the concept of not living under the covenant.

Discuss each word picture and consider how it helps you understand the importance of living under the covenant.

A rebellious child who doesn't live by the rules of the house

A car with tires that are out of alignment

Idolatry: living by a false covenant by making an agreement with a false god

8. Conflict occurs when the parties in a covenant do not keep their side of the agreement. God always keeps His side of the covenant. But people frequently do not. Describe what conflict may look like in this situation.

9. Consider how you live under the covenant and how you fail to live under the covenant. How can you better align yourself under the umbrella of God's covenant this week?

How do you think this will benefit you?