

# NewSpring Church Personal Study Guide

## Where's my Bailout? — Week 1 — Who's on First?

Does your wallet acknowledge that Jesus is the Preeminent One in your life? How you steward the resources that God has entrusted you with is a litmus test of your maturity in Christ. Faithful stewardship begins by realizing that God doesn't need our money but we need His blessings. Do you want God involved in your finances? He's got to be first. He has no desire to be second place in your life.

- What are some ways you can tell if Jesus is first in your life? Why must He be first? What other things do we place in the #1 spot?
- It is hard not to view God as a vending machine. How should our view of him motivate our stewardship? How have you seen God reward those that put Him first in every area?
- Is there a difference between saving and hoarding? What is it?
- What advice from scripture has helped you in your finances?
- How do the excuses we give for our financial instability stand up against the Biblical counsel on finances we have at our disposal?
- What are some things that we take for granted because of the prosperity of our country? How can thankfulness improve our attitude towards giving?

With a sagging economy and government bailouts in place, one has to ask, where's my bailout? God has offered a solution in His word. Financial success and security begins with wise stewardship. Wise stewardship starts when we place Jesus first in our finances. So, how are you doing? Have you bought in to the timeless principles of God's word or are you waiting and hoping for something else?



