



Stewardship Guide

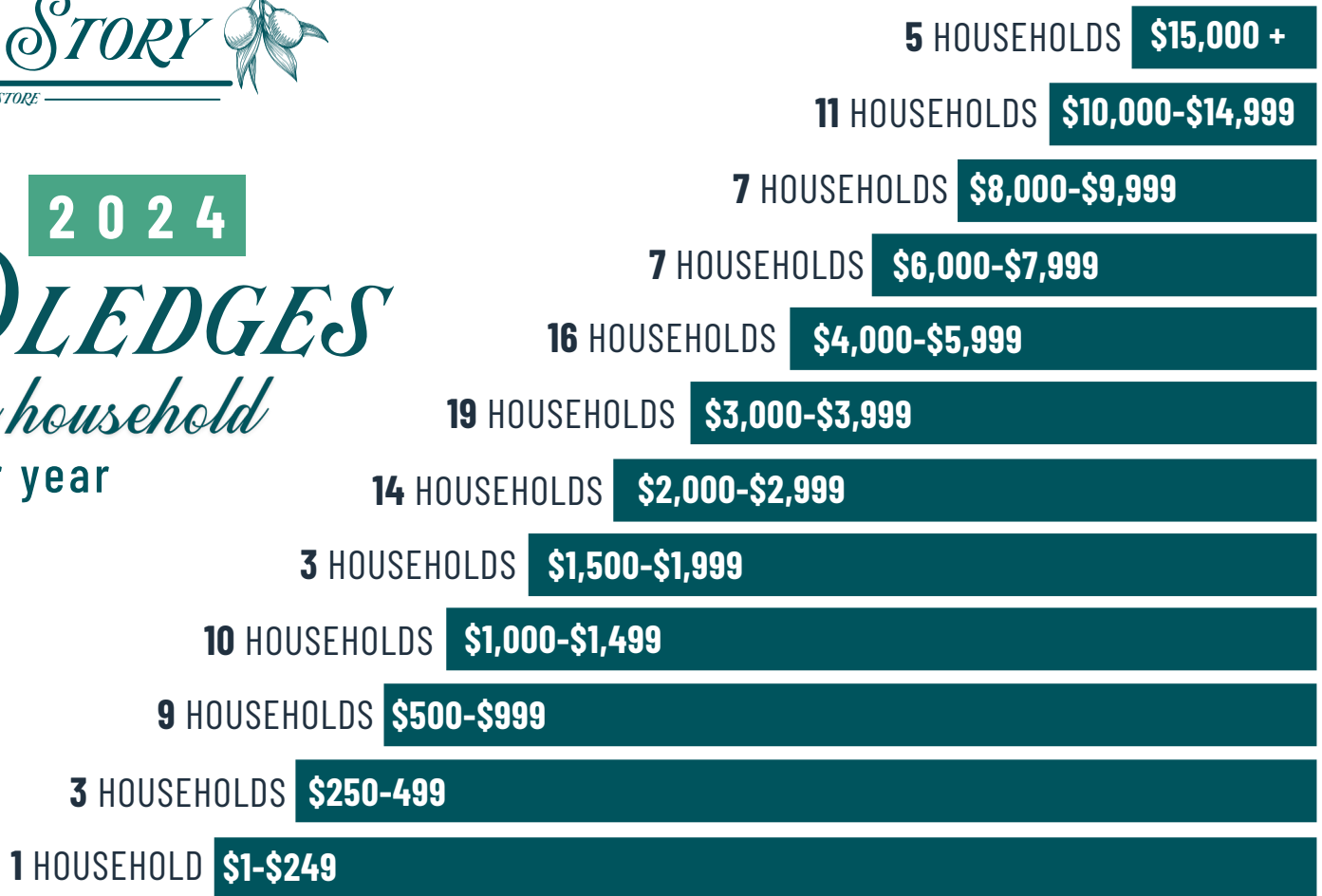
WEEK 2

October 13, 2024

2024

PLEDGES

by household
per year



Where are you on the chart? If you are able, please take a step or two up in 2025.

105 households made a pledge in 2024. Can you help us get over 110 in 2025?

PLEDGE ONLINE NOW: stjohnsbr.org/pledge-2025
or turn in a pledge card (Available in the church office and narthex)

STEP UP IN 2025!

If we all stepped up one level, we would have enough to fund all ministry goals and more!

JOIN US ON...

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

October 27

One worship service at 10am, followed by a potluck luncheon

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WEEK TWO DEVOTIONAL

October 13, 2024



RELEASE

Mark 10:17-27

JESUS INVITES US TO RELEASE SHAME, ANXIETY, GUILT, GREED OR ANYTHING THAT KEEPS US FROM FREEDOM AND WHOLENESS.

Often, to speak of money is to invite tension into the room. We'd rather not talk about it. But money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer combined. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story. Here are some questions to help you dive into/reflect on your own story and how it fits into God's broader narrative.

CONSIDER

(Write your immediate answer - don't overthink it)

I think rich people are _____

I think poor people are _____

God thinks rich people are _____

God thinks poor people are _____

When it comes to money, God wants me to be _____

When I have money issues, I rely on _____

HOW DID YOU FEEL?

Notice, how you felt when you answered these questions. Did you feel shame? Guilt? Fear? Unsettled? Proud? Confused? Something else?

Bring your thoughts to your own life. What events, obstacles, or changes are impacting your financial behaviors and giving practices right now?

What money challenges do you wish to overcome and heal from? What habits do you want to retrain? Name any fears, baggage, scars, limiting beliefs, or shame you wish to release.

CLOSING PRAYER

Take a deep breath in. As you exhale, release to God anything in your money story that holds tension, fear, or shame. Take another deep breath in. As you exhale, remember your belovedness in God. Breathe in and out, releasing and remembering as many times as you need.