

Life Group Bible Study

Open / Scripture

1. Who was one of the most talented people you knew in school? What happened to that person?
2. What is the best investment you have ever made?

Observation

1. As you read this passage (Matthew 25:14-29) what verse, phrase, or picture jumps out at you, causes you to celebrate, raises questions, or clarifies something?
2. In this parable, who does the master represent? The journey? The talents? The servants?
3. In this parable what were the expectations of the master for his servants while he was away?
4. Why did the servant that was given one talent hide his money? Why was the master so hard on this servant?
5. What did the master say to the two servants who doubled their money?
6. How do you feel about being given more responsibility as a reward for a "job well done"?

Apply

1. If the master returned today, how much of your talents and potential would he say you are using for him right now?
2. If you could throw caution to the wind, what would you like to do with the thing you are good at?

Prayer

Who can you bless with this information?

What do you need to discuss with your life group?

What can we pray with you about? (What does the Spirit need to heal? What does the Spirit need to embolden?)

Daily Devotional (optional preparation exercise)

Monday	Joshua 3:9, 11-17
Tuesday	Hebrews 13:5-8
Wednesday	Matthew 25:14-29
Thursday	Psalms 49
Friday	1 Peter 5:5-6
Saturday	Psalms 34
Sunday	Micah 6:8

Accountability (optional exercise - ask one)

Inviting people to know Christ - Are you learning to be intentional about sharing Jesus with neighbors? Are you praying for a 3:1:M friend? How are they doing? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Keeping connected to Christ - Are you building an interactive relationship with God? In your private prayer and devotional time, what are you learning or experiencing? How are you knowing Christ in worship? Are you reaching your group and individual goals in this area?

Moving to serve with Christ - Are you showing up? How are you making community and teamwork important to your life? How's your commitment to small group and worship going? Are you using your gifts to serve the community surrounding us?