



Sunday, August 7, 2022
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SERMON-BASED CURRICULUM

LOVING ACCOUNTABILITY

As we partnered with God this past week to _____, what did He do? How did He work in and through us?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MATTHEW 25:14-30

1. In what way did God use His Spirit and His Word in your heart and mind as we studied Matthew 25:14-30?
2. Why is it important to look at the context for this parable? What is Jesus trying to illustrate and illuminate by telling the parable of the talents?
3. What are gifts and resources that you are currently using for God's Kingdom? What are gifts and resources that you can leverage for God's Kingdom moving forward?
4. Do you see yourself as a steward or an owner? Why are we prone to seeing ourselves as owners only, instead of seeing ourselves as stewards of our resources?
5. What is dangerous about comparison? Do you find it difficult to believe that God gives gifts "to each according to his ability"? Why or why not?
6. What does this passage teach us about the generosity of God?
7. What are ways that you can discover your gifts and talents? How does God use the body of Christ to help us identify and use these gifts and talents?
8. Are you comforted or conflicted when reading the owner's response to both the 5-talents steward and the 2-talents steward? What can we learn about the owner's response to these characters?
9. What is the connection between faithfulness and responsibility in this passage? Do you see that connection in your life? Why or why not?
10. Are there areas of laziness in your life? What is communicated about our understanding of being a steward when we are lazy?
11. What are fears we have of using our gifts and resources for God's Kingdom? What can we do to overcome this fear?
12. What is one thing you believe you need to do or believe in the Spirit's power this week to live out something you've learned from Matthew 25:14-30?

APPLICATION

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will _____.