

1 **Parables of Jesus**

THE SOWER: MATTHEW 13:3-23

THE TALENTS: MATTHEW 25:1-12

LOST COIN & SHEEP: LUKE 15:1-10

GOOD SAMARITAN: LUKE 10:25-37

2 **Each Sunday we will...**

▶ Explore in depth each parable. (Large Group)

▶ Make new discoveries. (Breakout)

▶ Share our stories. (Breakout)

▶ “Stir up one another to love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24 (Large Group)

3 **Faith Transformation**

▶ Process

▶ Being Conformed

▶ Image of Christ

▶ For the Sake of Others

4 **Let Us Pray**5 **Parable of the Talents**

Matthew 25:1-12

6 **Parables**7 **Matthew 25:14-18****The Distribution**

▶ V. 14- Quick transition

▶ V. 15- Five...two...one- amount corresponds with abilities

▶ V. 16 Went at once... wasted no time, immediately invested, turned a profit

▶ V. 17- two- likewise

▶ V.18- one- lacks energy, enterprise and wastes the talent in a hole

8 **Matthew 25:19-23**

The Accounting

- ▶V. 19- ...after a long time...-enough time has elapsed for safe, judicious investments
- ▶V.20- ...five talents more...-proudly presents, master is pleased.
- ▶V. 21 Well done, good and faithful...-reward is larger sphere of service, enjoys fruits of wider usefulness
- ▶V. 22, 23- ..two...- praised and commended in same manner

9 Matthew 25:24-30

The Lazy Servant

- ▶V. 24...master I knew you...- whining, defending inexcusable conduct, blaming the master
- ▶V. 24 ...hard man, reaping ...not sow...gathering...scattered no seed...-describing as ungenerous, greedy, uncaring
- ▶V. 25... afraid...hid...what is yours...-Refused expectations, didn't want to strain energy, buries the asset.
- ▶V. 26...wicked and slothful... Did he believe how his description of the master?
- ▶V. 27... then you ought...He would have behaved accordingly. Didn't need to strain himself, could have passed work to bankers.
- ▶V. 28, 29take...give...has...more...abundance...taken...- We see this in Matt. 13:12 Reward of success is more success. Penalty of failure, the successful are enriched.



10 Questions or Comments

- 11 ...But each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind.
1 Corinthians 7:7

**Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.
1 Peter 4:10**

12 3 Types of Servants

- ▶What grabbed your attention?

- ▶What is God calling you to do?
- ▶What is God calling Calvary to do?

13 **Breakouts**

- ▶10-12 minutes
- ▶Person who travelled the furthest to get to their computer facilitates.
- ▶Click to button enter breakout group
- ▶Click button to rejoin large group

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17 **Next Week:**

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