

## Faithfulness

Luke 19:11-27

- Faithful disciples should be about Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ during Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faithful disciples should expect to be \_\_\_\_\_ when Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.
- Faithful disciples will be \_\_\_\_\_ for their \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ they were given.

## QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

1. Read Luke 19:11-27 as a group. Discuss what you think the parable means, what Jesus was trying to teach, and how it applies in our lives today.
2. In our parable, all of the 'servants' were given the same resources (a mina - about three months' wage), the command to engage in business for the nobleman (Jesus) while he was away, and the promise of his return. What resources do you think Jesus has entrusted to us today with the expectation that we are to "engage in business" (steward those resources), as He would want? *Hint...think of resources as more than just money and material goods.*
3. "Stewardship" is a word often used in church circles. Define what you think good stewardship of God's resources means.
4. Biblical stewardship may best be defined as allocating God's resources entrusted to us in the same way God would allocate them. Do you often think of all of your resources (time, talents, treasure) as belonging to the Lord? How often do you evaluate if you are allocating these resources consistently with how God would?
5. The heart of Luke 19:11-27 is an explanation that Jesus will go away to receive His kingdom, and upon His return He will judge what His disciples (which includes us) did with the task He left them. If Jesus returned today and asked what we have done in His absence, how do you think you would fair? Would Jesus see that you were at work for Him, as a means of worshiping Him as Lord? Or would you be like the last servant, shown to have really been about your own business cloaked in the religious pretense of our culture?