

Small Group Discussion Guide
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Parables: What Jesus Really Thinks
“Talents”
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Welcome

Go around the room and affirm the gifts and talents you see in the people of your small group.

Word

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30.
 - a. In this story who does the master represent and who do the servants represent?
 - b. In the New Testament, a talent was a weight or measurement of gold or silver, in this story the talent is used as a metaphor. What do the talents represent?
2. In verse 15, why does the Jesus add the phrase “each according to his ability?”
3. In verses 16-23, what is common about the first two servants’ response to their talents and the master’s response to their accomplishment?
4. In verses 21-22, how does the reward compare with what was entrusted?
5. In verses 26-30, why do you think the master became angry with the servant who hid his talent?
6. If the master was testing his servants as to their diligence and faithfulness during the time he was away...
 - a. What can we learn from the faithful servants?
 - b. What can we learn from the lazy servant?

Weave

- Take some time to evaluate with which servant you most identify.
- How are you being responsible for the Time, Treasure and Talent God has given you?
- ASK where there is a need in God’s work and get involved.