

O B E D I E N C E = J O Y

THE **GREAT GOD** STORY

GROUP
RESOURCE

Our Liturgy

The Lord is here — His Spirit is with us.

Where the Spirit of the Lord is — there is Freedom!

CONNECT

— 15 MINUTES

share with each other how you've experienced prayer differently this week after last week's message.

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

The Themes of the Great God story:

Presence — People — Authority

Read Matthew 25:14–30

- Consider what it means to be the Lord's servant.
- Consider the gifts, talents and abilities that the Lord has given to you.
- What ways might you be taking credit for these or making an idol out of them?
- A talent in the time of Jesus would be equal to about 20 years of wages. What would you do if you were given this sum?
- How are the gifts God has given to you meant to build his kingdom?
- v. 16–18; the faithful servants "went to work"—effort is required
- v. 19; the master was gone a long time—how are you occupying your time waiting for His return?
- v. 23; faithful servants are given three rewards—what would this look like in your life?
- v. 24–25; the unfaithful servant blamed the master for his failures—is there any way you are blaming God for things you consider unfair?
- The unfaithful servant believed lies about the Master and about himself
- In what ways does the enemy try to trick you about who God is? His nature and character?
- What lies has the enemy told you about your abilities?
- v. 28–29—when we fail to answer God's call, He will raise up another who will benefit from the joy of partnering in God's redemption story, but we will have much sorrow and regret



APPLICATION

— 20 MINUTES

- Invite the Holy Spirit to speak to you about how you are using your gifts and talents.
- Repent of anything He convicts you of. Commit to obedience where you sense an invitation.
- If you feel regret about missed opportunities, confess that, receive grace, and ask Jesus where He wants you to go from here.
- Luke 12:32—put this verse somewhere you can see it regularly as you lean into obedience

Going Deeper:

- The enemy tells us all lies about our identity. We need to replace those lies with truth!
- Read [this list of identity statements](#) out loud.
 - When a statement doesn't feel true, pause and pray out loud: "In Jesus name, I break agreement with the lie that I am not _____ and I declare the truth that in Christ I am _____."
- The more you do this, the more you are renewing your mind and grounding yourself in truth!
- Consecrate the work you do—dedicate it to God for His use—using a prayer something like this:
 - *I consecrate my life again today to the Holy Spirit— I consecrate my gifting and my work. I consecrate this work I have been called to— every word I speak and write, every conversation I have, every decision I make, all of the strategies I implement, the flow, the order, and the very spirit of my day. I bring this all under the rule of Jesus and under the filling of the Holy Spirit. And I call forth the creative life rule of Jesus Christ throughout my work space today, throughout my gifting and all of my work, in Jesus' name.* (Inspired by the book *Moving Mountains* by John Eldredge)

