



Welcome: What are you looking forward to most about this Christmas?

Worship: Read Isaiah 9:2-7 and thank God for the gift of hope, peace and salvation through His Son Jesus.

Word: Read *Matthew 25:14-30*

- Is it easy for you to lose sight of or to forget that everything in the Heavens and Earth are His...including you? If so, why do you think that is?
- What are some of the tangible assets that God has entrusted to you (i.e. education, opportunity, material wealth, relationships, health etc.)?
- What does it look like in your life and lifestyle to take risks, seize opportunities and leverage what's been entrusted to you for the Kingdom of God?
- Describe a time when you have buried your "talent(s)/bag(s) of gold".
- How can we be sure that we stay alive, active, and engaged in the Kingdom of Heaven in every area of our life on Earth?
- How are we sometimes tempted to mischaracterize God and/or malign His goodness?
- What are the spiritual and material consequences of misdefining the nature of God? What are the spiritual and material outcomes of properly defining the nature of God?
- Is there something seemingly "risky" that God is encouraging you to do (pouring courage into you to do) for Him, His Kingdom, His people in this New Year? Share it with your group...even if it's not entirely clear.

Witness: Invite one person that you know who isn't connected to God to the Christmas Eve service.