



Gifted to Give
Matthew 25:14-30

December 18, 2022

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

*** Before you begin discussing these questions, read Matthew 25:14-30.*

1. Icebreaker: What are your plans for Christmas this coming week? What are you looking forward to? Is there anything that makes this season hard for you?
2. Icebreaker: Have you ever received a gift that you never really used? Share what comes to mind.
3. In your own words, briefly summarize the parable Jesus tells in Matthew 25:14-30. If you had to “bottom line” this parable for a friend in one or two sentences, what would you say?
4. Make a short list of things God has entrusted to you. (This can be abilities, resources, experiences, relationships, wisdom, etc.) How does approaching these things as stewards and seeking to honor God with them influence the way you view these things?
5. In what way does someone’s view of God influence the way they live?
6. What is wrong about the third servant’s view of God? (See Matt 25:24-25.) How does this influence his actions?
7. If a friend followed you around for a week, what would they say about your view of God?
8. What is the response of the master to the first two servants? (See Matt 25:19-23.) What is the response of the master to the third servant? (See Matt 25:24-30.)
9. What does it mean to “live with the end in mind”? How can this mindset influence the way you live now?
10. What is one practical way you can apply a truth from this passage this week?
11. What other questions do you have about this passage that haven’t yet come up and that you’d like to discuss?
12. What is your biggest take-away from what you’ve discussed so far? Why did this stand out to you the way it did?
13. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you share what you’re learning with, this coming week?