



Your One and Only Life

Discussion Guide | Aug. 30th, 2020

Before you begin, please read Matthew 25:14-30

1. Share about a time when you've entrusted someone else with responsibility to watch over your things. (Maybe house sitting or pet-sitting, entrusting money to a financial advisor, etc.) What expectations did you have for this person?
2. Parables are vivid stories that drive home one primary point. In your own words, briefly summarize what is going on in this parable, and what "big idea" it's telling.
3. Look closely at the master's words to the servants after he returns, in verses 21, 23, and 26. What words does he use to describe the servants? What stands out to you about this?
4. What gifts has God given you to steward? Think in terms of personal strengths, relationships, resources, etc. (If you have a tough time answer this question, what strengths and gifts have others affirmed in you?)
5. How can you "steward" these gifts faithfully, in a way that multiplies gospel impact? Get practical in your answers to this question!
6. Look at the third servant's view of his master in verses 24 and 25. How is this a caricature or misrepresentation of what we've learned the master is *really* like, from elsewhere in the parable?
7. Make a short list of different ways our view of God can affect our obedience (and the motives behind our obedience). Based on this, why is a right view of God so important? How can you grow in a right view of God?
8. Briefly explain how the gospel (what Jesus has done for us on the cross) reveals God's grace and generosity. (Need some help? Check out these passages: John 3:16; Romans 5:6-8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 2 Corinthians 8:9.) How should these truths motivate your faithful stewardship of the gifts God has given you?
9. **Challenge – Memorize 1 Corinthians 15:58:** Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.