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## **Talent: Matthew 25: 14-30**

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### *Small Group Discussion Questions*

#### **Getting Started**

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

#### **Pacing Your Group**

Move quickly through “observation” and “reflection”, leaving enough time for “discussion” and “surrender.”

#### **Scripture Reading**

Read aloud the passage for this week’s study, slowly enough for everyone to enjoy. Re-read as you discuss the questions.

#### Matthew 25: 14-30

*“For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup> So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup> But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’*

#### **Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?***

1. Describe the actions taken by each servant with the talents entrusted to them by their master.
2. What expectation did the master have of his servants?
3. What was the result for each servant?

#### **Reflection: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?***

4. Tell your group about the gifts, talents, abilities, and characteristics that God has blessed you with.
5. Can you describe a time when these attributes were faithfully deployed for God and His kingdom?

#### **Discussion: *Talking together about how the scriptures connect to everyday life.***

6. How is using our gifts and talents connected to our joy in Christ? Discuss.
7. What obstacles keep us from faithfulness, fearlessness, and fruitfulness in using our gifts and talents?
8. What in your life might need a specific change for you to press into faithful investment of talent? Share.

#### **Surrender: *Responding to God’s voice.***

9. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

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#### **We’re here!**

We would love to hear about how things are going in your small group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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