



Message Notes

Week 2: Matthew 25:14-30
(ESV)

Welcome to our new series, "Parables"! This series coincides with our upcoming Vacation Bible School, July 24-28. We want to offer a shared experience for you and your kids and grandkids.

Big Idea for this week:

Using our gifts is how we _____.

1. Be _____ with the gifts and opportunities God has given to you

2. Be _____ with the gifts and opportunities God has given to you

How I can be productive and proactive with my gifts and opportunities?

1. Use your _____.
2. Give of your _____.
3. Watch your _____.
4. Do good _____.
5. Share your _____.
6. Live out your _____.

Big idea: serve // 1. productive / 2. proactive
How?: 1. words / 2. wealth / 3. walk / 4. works / 5. wisdom / 6. witness

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What stuck out to you about this week's parable?

2. Sometimes we avoid talking about our gifts because we don't want to be prideful. But God has given all His followers spiritual gifts. Do you know what yours are? How do you know?

3. We talked about gifts and opportunities. How can we be productive and proactive with them? How do we take the gifts and opportunities God has given and multiply them like the first servants? How is not using them like the third servant?

4. What did you think of Spurgeon's quote? Do you think the way we serve is meant to be personal? Why or why not?

5. How is God speaking to you today? What is one way you can use your gifts to serve others in obedience to God today?

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for the parable You taught in Your Word. Thank You for the opportunities you have given to us and for the gifts that You give in Your Spirit. Help us to serve others with so we can bear good fruit in Your Name. Amen.

We hope to see you next week as we continue in our series, "Parables". We will focus on Luke 10:25-37, the Parable of the Good Samaritan