

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Do you ever feel cheated, victimized, or like you're not being treated equally? We can change the way we respond when feeling resentful, so that God can weave us into His masterpiece.

GETTING STARTED

1. Think of a recent celebrity that squandered his/her life away. Imagine for a moment what could have been accomplished with his/her talents, gifts, or opportunities.
2. Talk about a time when you focused more on what you didn't have than on what you did have. What observations would you share from this experience?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read Matthew 25:14-30. What are some possible reasons the servant with one talent chose to hide his money, instead of following his master's instructions? Why do you think the master called him wicked?
4. Read Matthew 25:24-25. How did this servant misinterpret his master's character? How do you think that affected the servant's responsiveness and obedience to his master?
5. Read I John 4:7-11. What stands out about the character of God in this passage? Knowing this character trait of God, how you are encouraged to relate to Him as your Master?
6. Read Ephesians 2:10. Make a list of three strengths, abilities, or opportunities God has given you. How will you use one of these for Him this week? Describe the joy you may have experienced recently when aligning your life with God's purposes.

NEXT STEPS

7. What is holding you back from using your talents, gifts, or opportunities in ministry and what are you going to do about it this week?