

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

February 21, 2021

READ THE TEXT

- Read Matthew 25:14-30.

DISCUSS THE SERMON

1. What does the “it” refer to in v. 14 (hint: see Matthew 24:27, 44, 25:13)? Does this adjust the way you have typically thought about *the Parable of the Talents*?
2. What would you say is the central theme of this parable?
3. What does the master do before he leaves? What do you think his expectation was for his servants?
4. Discuss the distinctions between the first two servants and the last one.

APPLY THE TRUTH

1. True or False: The way we live our life now reveals the genuineness of our salvation. [Explain your answer in light of this parable.]
2. Based on this parable, what would it look like to be actively ready for Jesus’ return? What may need to change in our thinking if we are going to be those actively living in anticipation of the return of Jesus?
3. What has Jesus entrusted to us that we should be faithfully investing for Him before He returns?
4. We often think of “giving an account” as a sobering reality – and it is. But how can the reality of Jesus’ return bring about joy in investing our life for Him?

PRAY WITH & FOR ONE ANOTHER

1. Thank God for the honor and privilege of being called His servant!
2. Pray that God would help our church to not live for ourselves, but to leverage everything God has given us for His eternal purposes.

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