

Life Changing Stories Part 7—Luke 19: Kingdom Productivity

Intro — Best and worst investments

Context — a radical life change commended 19:10; radical faithfulness is the standing expectation between Jesus's resurrection and his return 19:11

The master who becomes King — Jesus

1. The unwilling subjects

the kingdom of heaven is not swayed by opinion polls

a truth and a warning

2. The Faithful slaves

Jesus provides what is needed to do his business

Jesus commands productive investment

What is the Mina?

A disproportionately generous reward for faithfulness

More responsibility and authority then.... And more opportunities now

3. The Evil slave

Evil opinion — does it reflect the master's proved character in the story?

Slanderous opinion

Self-interest — I hid it and kept it to avoid getting in trouble

Judgment: Stripped of his asset and declared evil by the master

Conclusion — invest and be blessed; Use it or Lose it

Some applications for our church...