

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Your Time, Talent, Treasure

Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

Introduction: John noted that as the people of God, we are stewards of all that He has given us—which is everything. God's people through the years have always lived by faith, handing their fears over to God and investing their time, talent, and treasure for the glory of God and good of others.

Key question: As you wait for Jesus' return, will you:

- MULTIPLY what God has given you in time, talent, and treasure, using what you have been given to glorify Him and bless others, bearing witness to God as an abundantly good and loving Father? OR
- More often compare yourself to others, grumble about what you do not have, live in fear/anxiety instead of faith and instead bear witness to God as a distant deity who withholds from people?

Additional passages: Romans 14:23b; Hebrews 11 – especially vs. 6, 8-10, 23-26, 12:1-3; Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 5:6; Titus 3:8.

Questions:

1. How is it going with living with the perspective "how can I invest what God has given" instead of "if only I had ...?"

John noted that it takes faith to multiply someone else's wealth (God's wealth given to us) especially when it seems like your own. People of faith have had their heart changed by the grace of God.

2. Are you confident that you are a Christian? If you have doubts about that, bring those up and talk about them with your group.
3. How does Hebrews 11:1-3 define faith? Why is faith so important in the Christian life (Romans 14:23b, Hebrews 11)?
4. What fears hold you back from freely investing your time, talent, and treasure to serve the Lord?

John said one way we show we belong to God is in the way that work while we wait for Jesus' return.

5. Read Matthew 5:16; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Galatians 5:6; Titus 3:8. What is your work demonstrating about your faith in God:
 - a. With your time?
 - b. With your talent?
 - c. With your treasure?
6. What needs to change in your life right now to glorify God in each of these areas? What needs to continue in each of these areas?