

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 4/5, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What person, project, or issue has motivated you most in the past month? Why?*

SET THE STAGE: *In the next few weeks, we are going to examine the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. Jesus is speaking to His disciples about the Kingdom of God and the future. He makes it clear that we have been given gifts to use as resources for His glory and purposes. Either we are leaning in by investing and maturing those gifts, or we letting them sit idle and are eventually wasting them. God has shaped all of us to be useful in His kingdom, so are we willing to take those resources and put them to use?*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Matthew 25:14-30 (focus on 14-15)*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

Which reaction best describes you as you read this parable, and why?
(Questioning, Intimidated, or Inspired)

Why did the master give differing amounts of resources to each servant, and what does that tell us about God?

The amount of wealth the master hands out is astounding, so what are we to take away from that fact?

HEART QUESTIONS:

Can you name a "talent" that God has given to you? How did you discover this gift, ability, or resource from God?

In what ways have you used that gift or talent to bring God glory?

What are things keeping you from maximizing your gifts for greater use?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

BLESS

Remind your group what the BLESS strategy is all about. (*Begin with Prayer, Listen Attentively, Eat Together, Serve, Share the Gospel*)

Name one way your unique gifts play into the BLESS strategy for reaching people who are far from God?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER