

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

October 11/12, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

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

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What type of festival would you prefer to attend, and why? (music, food, arts, etc.)*

SET THE STAGE: *Today we continue looking at the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25. One of the obvious parts of the story is the inequitable distribution of gifts to each of the servants. It can be difficult for us to understand how this works out in our relationship with God and with other believers. The important thing to remember is that God values each one of us, and He gives us gifts not based on our value but based on His wisdom and discernment. If we are willing to trust Him and be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit, even if our bag of gifts is small, God will use it to bring tremendous blessing in our lives and in the lives of many around us.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Matthew 25:14-18*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

What is one lesson you would emphasize if you were teaching this parable?
What does it mean that the master gave each "according to his ability"?
Are there gifts we sometimes consider more valuable or important than others, and why?

HEART QUESTIONS:

Does it feel unfair to you that God gives different gifts and resources to His people? If so, why does it feel unfair?
Have you ever struggled with comparing what you have been given to what others have been given? When?
At this point in your life do you identify more with the man with 5 bags, the man with 3 bags, or the man with 1 bag? Why?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

BLESS

Have you been able to use any of your gifts/talents/resources recently to bless others and share the love of Jesus?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER