

Small Group Discussion Questions

Series: Summer Series

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Message: Who Do You Live For?

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Memory Verse: Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

These questions aim to foster meaningful discussion and encourage participants to reflect on God's Word, which leads to heart transformation. Feel free to modify or expand upon these questions based on the dynamics and needs of your Small Group.

Big Idea: The faithful serve the absent King by making use of the resources He has given.

Read Luke 19:11-27

1. In the parable, the nobleman entrusts his servants with money he wants to see make a profit. Reflecting on your own life, what "minas" or talents do you believe God has entrusted you with? How have you been using them?
2. Jesus has left His people here with a responsibility until He returns. The stakes are high and He will hold us accountable. Discuss the difference between "consumers" and "contributors." Where do you see yourself on this spectrum? What steps can you take to become more of a contributor?
3. The servants who invested their minas likely took risks that resulted in rewards. What risks might God be calling you to take in your faith journey? How can you overcome the fear associated with these risks?
4. The first two servants were praised for their wise investments and for increasing the nobleman's money. Because they did this, they were given a reward. How are



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the servants rewarded? Why do you think their reward for faithful duty is more faithful duty? How will the faithful servants of Christ be rewarded in the life to come? Interact with the following passages: Hebrews 2:5-8; Revelation 20:4-6; 2 Timothy 2:11-13. Is being rewarded by Christ important to you?

5. The third servant is rebuked for not investing his minas. Why did the servant not invest his minas? What are some reasons why someone might hesitate to use their gifts or talents for God? Is there anything holding you back from investing or using your talents? What steps can you take to address these challenges and move forward?
6. The parable shares that the majority of people were opposed to the new king. That means His servants were willing to align with an unpopular king and operate in a hostile environment. When in a group of people who are not believers, do you tend to hide your faith or do you align with the nobleman? How can we talk about Christ with non-believers in such a way that is inviting and not off-putting?
7. The nobleman holds his servants accountable for how they managed his money. Do you have clarity on what you are striving for with the development and use of your talents? Before God holds you accountable, do you have another person to help you be accountable for what you are doing? If not, how can you cultivate accountability in your spiritual walk?
8. Consider the long-term impact of the faithful servants' actions. How can you develop a long-term vision for your spiritual growth and service?
9. As a Small Group, how can we live out the idea of growing and multiplying God's wealth?



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