

DISCUSSION GUIDE

AS TOLD BY JESUS – THE TALENTS

Key Scriptures:

Matthew 25:10-30

WE ARE CONTRIBUTORS, NOT CONSUMERS!!!

Getting Started:

1. Who was the most talented person you knew in school? What happened to them? What talents were you known for in school?

Digging Deeper:

2. **Read Matthew 25:10-30** again.
3. If you were to go away for a long time, who would you entrust to look after your things for you?
4. In this parable, what were the master's expectations of his servants while he was away?
5. What happened to the 2 servants who doubled their investment? To the servant who hides his talent? On what basis were they rewarded?
6. How would you feel about being given more responsibility as the reward for a "job well done"?
7. How does the master's treatment of the one-talent servant seem to you? (fair, harsh, lenient) Why?

Looking Inward:

8. If the master returned today, what would he say about how you've used what he gave you? How have you developed it? What kind of responsibility do you feel toward God regarding your talents?
9. What would help you to better use your talents and abilities? (To recognize them? To be more responsible? To believe in yourself? To get more encouragement from others? To trust in God more?)
10. What does sharing your master's happiness mean to you?

Next Steps:

Chad gave us 3 things we need to know from this parable:

1. View your role as an investor of God's resources.
 2. A life of faith demands risk.
 3. Comparison can derail a life of faith.
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11. Which one challenges you the most right now? How can you make it a focus this week?