

GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

Who Do You Think You Are?

Week 6: We Are Managers
Matthew 25:14-30

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One of our most desperate needs is to discover our true, God-given identity. This week, we're discussing how our lives don't actually belong to us, but we are managers of God's assets.

Kicking Off:

What's something you have owned that you'd have a hard time letting somebody else borrow?

Discussion:

1. In reading Matthew 25:14-15, what did Jeff teach that the bags of gold represent in our lives?

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability."

2. In light of Matthew 25:16-17, what are some ways we can make the most out of what we've been given in terms of our time, talents, and treasure?

"The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more."

3. Jeff described four basic philosophies for living life. Thinking about your spiritual journey, where do you think you have mostly seen yourself in recent months?

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4. How do you feel about Jesus' words found in Luke 12:48b, below? Does this verse tend to encourage or convict you? Or both?

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

5. In Matthew 25:21 and 25:23, the most faithful servants earn even more resources to invest. What do you think it would seem like to hear this affirmation from the Lord?

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

6. What are some possible stumbling blocks we can face when we want to make a difference for Jesus? How can your group encourage one another to keep putting their "bags of gold" to work?

Wrapping Up:

Every servant in this parable received at least one bag of gold, which tells us God has entrusted everyone with at least a small amount of resources to put to good use. What's one practical step you can take this week to move toward a greater investment in God's kingdom? Pray for each member of your group to wisely steward their time, talents, and treasures.