

QUESTIONS

Day 1 - Review

1. What encouraged you most from the commentary notes?
2. What encouraged you most from the lecture?

Day 2 - Matthew 25:14-18

3. List the 5 main facts of the story in bullet point fashion below:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
 - e.
4. Verse 15 states that the man gave to “each according to his ability.” Explain what you think this phrase means.
5. What principle is being taught so far in the parable?
6. ? Personal Question: How might you apply the principle you listed in question 5 to you own life?

Day 3 - Matthew 25:19-23

7. Verse 19 states that the master “returned and settled accounts with them”. What is the spiritual principle being illustrated in this verse?
8. What do you find significant about both servants receiving the same response from the master, even though they returned to him different amounts of money?

9. Use your own words to paraphrase the response of the master recorded in verses 21 & 23.

10. ? Personal Question: If you were one of the first two servants, which part of the master's response in verses 21 & 23 would bring you the most pleasure and why?

Day 4 - Matthew 25:24-25

11. What was the third servant's excuse for not investing the master's money?

12. What principle is being illustrated by this man's excuse for his inaction?

13. Write down something you learn from the following verses about inaction?

James 2:14-

James 4:17-

14. ? Personal Question: What has God given you that you have "hidden in the ground" and needs to be unearthed by you and put to work for the Master?

Day 5 - Matthew 25:26-30

15. ? Thought Question: How did the master respond to the third servant in verse 26 and why do you think Jesus used such harsh words?

16. According to verse 27, what is the least action the third servant should have taken?

17. ? Thought Question: Explain the meaning of verse 29.

18. ? Personal Question: What warning do you receive from verses 28-30? In other words, how should you respond to these verses?

Day 6 - Matthew 25:14-30

Read the entire parable again slowly.

19. What could the talents in the story represent in your life?
20. ? Thought Question: Verses 21 and 23 both say, “You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things.” What do you think that means?
21. ? Personal Question: Write down a time in your life when you were faithful in a few things and you were later put in charge of many things. Be prepared to share this with your discussion group.
22. ? Personal Question: What was your # 1 takeaway from this parable?