

Week of May 23rd 2021 - Discussion Questions for Ohana Groups
Parable of the Talents | Matthew 25:14-28

OVERVIEW

God has given to each one of us with abilities, gifts, and resources to glorify Him and carry out His mission. In the Parable of the Talents, Jesus reminds us that his return is fast approaching, and we have been given an important responsibility to be good stewards of all the gifts God has given us.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: What were you “best at” in grade school?

Ohana Time! (this is an opportunity to be creative and to try out new things as an Ohana Group! Feel free to include children): Give your child a “talent” (ex. allowance, plant) and ask them to take care of it for a week to cultivate values of stewardship.

BIBLE: Read Matthew 25:14-28

1. In this parable, who does the master represent? The journey? The talents? The servants?
2. The master gave the servants different numbers of talents. What does this teach us about how God generously blesses his people?
3. Even though the servants were given different number of talents, what is the expectation for all three?
4. What happens to the two servants who doubled their investment? To the servant who hides his talent? On what basis are they rewarded?
5. How does the master’s treatment of the one-talent servant seem to you: Fair? Harsh? Lenient? Why?
6. What happens to the third servant’s talent when the master realizes that he had been lazy?
7. Summarize in your own words a “good and faithful steward” and a “lazy and unfaithful steward.”

APPLICATION

1. Which of the three servants in this parable can you relate to most? What would you have done if you had been given some talents by the master in the parable?
2. What motivates you to use your time, resources, and abilities for God’s kingdom in light of Jesus’ impending return? What will you do this week with the talents God has given you to prepare for his coming?
3. If the Master returned today, how much of your talents would he say you are stewarding for the kingdom of God? (ex. 5%, 30%, 100%)

PRAYER

1. Ask God to help you identify specific “talents” that you would like to invest and utilize for the kingdom of God.
2. Are there areas in your life that have not been stewarded in a way that brings joy to God? Pray for God’s help and guidance to become a good and faithful steward of God’s generous gifts.

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