Worship Discussion and Reflection Questions

Sermon Series: We Believe
Sermon: God Entrusts
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants[a] and entrusted to them his
property. 15 To one he gave five talents,[b] to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he
made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had
received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 Now after a long time
the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five
talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I
have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant.[c] You
have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also
who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have
made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been
faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had
received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you
did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent
in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful
servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you
ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was
my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to
everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not,
even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that
place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Reflection Questions:

- What has God entrusted to you right now (time, abilities, resources, relationships, influence, or opportunities), and how are you currently stewarding those gifts?
- The third servant acted out of fear and buried his talent. Where might fear be keeping you from faithfully obeying God or investing what He has entrusted to you?
- What does the third servant's view of the master reveal about his heart? How does your understanding of God's character shape the way you live, serve, and take steps of faith?
- What is one risk/step of faith God might be calling you to take this week?
- When the master returns, the faithful servants hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant." If Christ were to evaluate your stewardship today, what areas of your life would reflect faithfulness, and what areas need renewed trust and obedience?

Guided Prayer:
Praise God for entrusting so many gifts to you. List them out and thank Him for each one. Ask Him to show you how you might steward those things for Him. Ask God what steps of faith He might be calling you to take. Repent of the ways you have not used the things He has entrusted to you for His glory. Ask Him to forgive you. Commit to do all things for Him Kingdom and glory. In Jesus’ name, Amen.