

Sermon Discussion Guide

8/9/2026

Sermon: Kingdom Stories *"Faithful With What You've Been Given"*

Text: **Matthew 25:14-30**

Introduction:

Think about something you have been entrusted with that is important to you. It could be a responsibility, relationship, possession, opportunity, or role.

What makes someone a good steward of something entrusted to them?

Jesus tells a story about a master who entrusts something valuable to his servants before leaving on a journey. The question isn't simply **what they were given**. The question is: **What did they do with what they were given?**

From the Text

Matthew 25:14–15

Discuss:

1. What does this passage teach us about God's generosity?
2. What do you think it means to view your life as something God has entrusted rather than something you own?
3. What "weight" has God entrusted to you?

Matthew 25:16–18

Discuss:

4. Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that the servants received different amounts?
5. What is the danger of comparing what God has entrusted to us with what He has entrusted to someone else?
6. What does faithfulness look like when your assignment is different from someone else's?

Digging Deeper

The first two servants acted. The third servant buried.

Why do you think people sometimes bury what God has entrusted to them?

Matthew 25:19–30

Discuss

7. Why do you think the third servant's perception of the master mattered so much?
8. How can a distorted view of God affect the way we live and serve Him?
9. What fears might cause someone to "bury" what God has entrusted to them?

Thought: How you see the King determines how you steward the King's gifts.

Reflection:

What has the King placed in your hands right now?

Don't think about someone else's life. Don't think about what you wish you had. Think about what God has actually entrusted to you.

Then ask: **"Jesus, what does faithfulness look like with this?"**

Is there something you've been burying because of fear, comparison, or hesitation? What might one faithful next step look like?

Grace gives.

Faith invests.

The King returns.

 **Close in prayer: Read 1 Peter 4:10-11**