

For the Week Beginning May 2, 2021

“Fruitfulness”

Luke 19:11-27

Please narrate.

11 While they were listening to this, he went on to tell them a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once. 12 He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.' 14 "But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.' 15 "He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it. 16 "The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.' 17 "'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.' 18 "The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.' 19 "His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.' 20 "Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. 21 I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.' 22 "His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?' 24 "Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.' 25 "'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!' 26 "He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. 27 But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front of me.'"

Write down 5 significant observations. Raise 2 significant questions and try to answer them.

Observations	Interpretation (Questions)	Applications

Memory Verse: Luke 19:17

“Well done, my good servant!’ his master replied. ‘Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.’

❖ **Follow up:** How did you do with last week’s application that you shared with the group?

- *Recite: Luke 9:17*
- *Review: 1 Corinthians 10:13; 2 Peter 1:10-11; 2 Peter 1:8; 2 Peter 1:3; 1 Peter 1:3; Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 4:4-7; Psalm 131:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Romans 6:11; Psalm 19:7; Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Philippians 2:12-13; Galatians 2:20; and Psalm 16:8.*

❖ **Opening:**

- Name a person (that you know) who you think will receive a rich reward in heaven. Why do think so?

❖ **The Living Word:** Read Luke 19:11-27. Rebuild the story together using your own words. Each person can add more details to the story.

1. Why do you think Jesus is telling this parable according to verse 11? What seems to be the main point of this parable?
2. What does this parable reveal about what God desires and expects of us?
3. How are we to understand our current life on earth as it relates to Jesus’ return?

❖ **Living the Word:**

- Which servant are you in this parable? How prepared are you for the Lord’s return?
- What must you do so that you will be more productive for God?
- What is the Lord leading you to do this week in obedience to His Word?

❖ **Spiritual Disciplines:**

- Take a look at the next week's memory verse, **1 Peter 3:8-9**. Plan on spending quality time with the Lord meditating and praying this verse. Write down your thoughts and prayers and be prepared to share your meditation with your group.
- Daily Quiet Times
- Scripture Memory
- Go over your Prayer journal to pray for others
- Pray with your prayer partner
- Converse with and offering ‘peace’ to those that we meet
- Articulate the gospel
- Plan each day prayerfully
- Put off your old self and put on the new self in Christ
- Celebration
- Remember our identity in Christ
- Train our bodies for His honor