

ENGAGE

- **Opening Announcements**
- **Opening Prayer**

Q: How do you get read for company?

Q: How might you prepare for the Second Coming of Jesus? What are some practical ways to prepare?

READ: Luke 19:11-27 "As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' ¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' ²⁰ Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' ²⁶ 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' "

NOTE: A "mina" was the equivalent of about 3 months wages. So in this example, 30 months or 2.5 years!

Q: According to verse 11, WHY did Jesus give this parable? Keep in mind what we celebrate today! Why is this important and what does it tell us?

Q: According to verse 13, what are the instructions from the Master? Was the Master legalistic or did he give the servants freedom? What does this tell us about OUR Master? Apply this....

Q: According to verse 14, what's the general attitude of the "citizens" toward this Master? How does this apply today?

Q: What is verse 15 about?

Q: According to verse 16-17, 18-19 what's the response of the Master to the servants?

READ/Remember Luke 16:10-11 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹ If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?"

Q: How does this apply here?

Q: According to verse 20-21 what's going on here? How is this servant's response indicative of what he thinks of his Master?

Q: According to verse 22, how do his own words condemn him?

Q: What's going on in verse 24-25? Why is the Master able to do this? What do the servants who question him NOT understand?

Q: OK, verse 27 is...SEVERE! How do you feel about a verse like this?

Q: What does it mean? AND...

Q: How does this parable underscore the importance of Justice, Forgiveness, Redemption and Faith? **SO.....to wrap up....**

Q: How does THIS parable help us PREPARE for His Coming?

HOMEWORK:

- Prepare for Holy Week by Daily Bible Reading, meditation and prayer.
- Maundy Thursday Worship: 6pm; Good Friday: 5:30 & 7pm; Resurrection Sunday: 8, 9:30 & 11am