

Preparing for the Kingdom of God  
Luke 19:11-27

MAIN IDEA: We've entered the Kingdom of God by faith, now what? We live by faith recognizing that the King will return and use what we given with that in mind. There is no place for complacency. EVERY GIFT MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR AND MULTIPLIED. You either live in light of His return or you don't. Not doing so rejects His authority over you and those who do are considered the King's enemy.

How we live our lives here is a test to see whether we are fit for greater tasks in the life to come.

PASSAGE: Luke 19:11-27; Compare to Matthew 25:14-30

- I. Distinctions between the two passages.
  - A. Matthew
  - B. Luke
- II. "while they were listening" connects this account to the \_\_\_\_\_ passage.
- III. What were their thoughts?
- IV. Jesus comments addresses two things. The previous passage and their thoughts. Therefore, this is what we should look for in attempting to understand what Jesus is saying in this passage and why.
- V. What do we do now that we believe? Like Zaccheus, who used his \_\_\_\_\_ to show his faith and build heavenly treasure so we should do the same.

Compare to Luke 12:20-21

- VI. Is the Kingdom of God going to immediately appear?
- VII. Then what do we do?
- VIII. Let's look at the story and note the important elements.

King

Slaves

IX. Minas  
Principles

- A. We are stewards, what we possess is not ours.
- B. We must use it and multiply it.
- C. Live in light of the King's return. Keep an eternal focus knowing we will be held accountable.
- D. Even the smallest gift must be used.
- E. There is joy in the service of the King and it is worth our efforts!! For there is a reward to come.

X. DISCUSSION

- What has God given to us?
- How can we use it for the King?

PRAYER ...LORD, open our eyes to see what you have given to us. Our bodies, our work, relationships, circumstances...give us grace and help us to serve you as our returning King.