



Living For The Bigger Picture
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[2 Timothy 4:7-8]

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. And now the prize awaits me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

How to leave a legacy:

1. Live with the finish line in clear view

[Matthew 25:31-42]

But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. Then these righteous ones will reply, Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you? And the King will say, I tell you the

truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty

2. Live as stewards and managers of an entrustment

[Matthew 25:14-15]

Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip....

[Matthew 25:19]

After a long time, their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.

[Matthew 25:29]

To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away.

3. Realize it's never too late to leave a legacy

Key Points:

- 1. Live with the finish line in clear view**
- 2. Live as stewards and managers of an entrustment**
- 3. Realize it's never too late to leave a legacy**

Applications for the Week:

When you think about your legacy, do you feel more like the servant with many talents, or the one who buried his? What is one step you can take to invest what God has given you, even if it feels small?

Discussion Questions:

- 1.** In 2 Timothy 4:7-8, What does Paul say is waiting for him at the end of his life, and who else is it for?
- 2.** According to the parable of the talents in Matthew 25, what does the master expect from his servants while he is away?
- 3.** In the story of the two thieves on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), what are the two different responses to Jesus, and how does Jesus respond to each?

- 4.** In the Parable of the Talents, why do you think the master responds so differently to the servants who invested versus the one who buried his talent? What does this say about God's expectations for us?
- 5.** The story of the thief on the cross shows it's never too late to leave a legacy. What does this teach about God's grace and the possibility of redemption, even at the last moment?