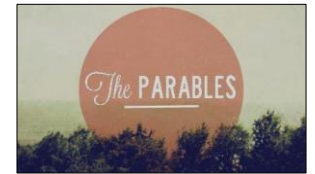




## *Notes*



- If you could do anything for Christ and the kingdom of God, and you knew you would not fail, what would you do?
- Read *Matthew 25:14-30*. What title would you give this story? Why?
- What steps does the master take before going on a journey (v. 15-16)? What might this reveal about the master? About each servant?
- If you were in the place of one of the servants, having been entrusted with such an enormous amount of money, what thoughts, beliefs, and feelings would you have about the situation? About your master? About the other servants?
- Based on their responses and actions, what can you deduce about the first two servants' character? About their relationship with their Master? How does this compare with that of the third servant?
- For what are the first two servants rewarded? What is their reward?
- Why does the servant with one talent do what he does? Are his reasons valid? What is the outcome?
- If the master represents our Lord, who do the servants represent? Can you give examples of how people might be like each today?
- What are some "talents" or resources the Lord entrusts to his servants today? What might lead to their hearing "well done, good and faithful servant"?
- This week, how will you put to work the "talents" you've received? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?