

Scripture | Judges 4:1-7, Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11, Revelation 7:9-12

Ice Breaker | 1. Who was the most talented person you knew growing up? What happened to that person?

Going Deeper |

1. Is there anything that stood out to you from Sunday's message, or do you have any questions?
2. Read Matthew 25:14-30
3. In this parable who does the master represent? The talents? The journey? The servants?
4. In Jesus day, the word talent meant a measure of money, roughly the amount it would take a labourer 15 years to earn. How does the thir servant differ from the other two?
5. During the message this week, Dave quoted Jesus' statement that where your treasure is your heart will be also. With that statement in mind, where do you think the hearts of the servants in the story are?
6. Today we understand the word talent to be an ability or gifting a person has. Our modern understanding of the word parallels this parable because it can take many years to grow in a "talent," and it is derived from this ancient definition. With how we understand the word talent today, how can we apply this parable?
7. Imagine yourself in this story, which servant do you relate to the most? Why?
8. In this parable the two who invested their talents, though given different amounts, are given the same reward. Why do you think that is? What does that have to say to us today?
9. The series we are currently in is meant to help us reflect and grow in the area of racial reconciliation. How might what we learn from this parable speak to that topic?
10. Read Revelation 7:9-12
11. In the message this week Dave challenged us that this should be a picture of the church today, not just our experience in heaven. With this in mind how do we do the work of creating a welcoming and diverse space in our church? How can we be faithful to Jesus in using what we have in doing the work of racial reconciliation and being anti racist?