

# Community Group Discussion Questions

“3<sup>rd</sup> Watch” Matthew 25:14-30 June 17/18

## Getting Started

The priority of investment begins with a simple framework of understanding the product of Investment, the profit of Interest, the possibility of the Indefinite, and the point of Involvement.

Therefore, Jesus through teaching of a parable concerning property, possessions and percentages, allows us to understand the expectation of His greatest asset of worth, and that is YOU.

It's understandable that you may not feel like you are worth investing in, but Jesus thinks otherwise.

Who are the people in your life who encourage you and make you realize how valuable you are? Who speaks life into you?

## Going Deeper

I. The Product of Investment: **Read** Matthew 25:14-15

v YOU ARE HIS POSSESSION:

- A. Under His Authority (vs. 14) “Servants”
- B. Oversee His Assets (vs. 14) “Entrusted”
- C. Equal to Ability (vs. 15) “Gave”

**Read** Luke 17:7-10. These verses remind us that Jesus is Lord of our lives and we serve Him with a humble heart. All that we have is from Him. We have been given so much and are blessed beyond imagination. Thinking over your life, what have you been blessed with in terms of: parents, family, education, work, imagination, friends, opportunities, possessions, spiritual gifts?

Since Jesus has invested in you, what should you be doing for Him with all this?

II. The Profit of Interest: Matthew 25:16-18

v YOU HAVE PURPOSE:

- A. Knew Where to Go: (vs. 16) “Traded”
- B. Knew What to Do: (vs. 17) “Made”
- C. Knew NOT Who to Be: (vs. 18, 24-25) “Buried”

In financial terms, when we invest wisely, we get a financial reward. In spiritual terms, what do you think happens when we invest all that Jesus has entrusted to us? What might that look like in your life?

A man once wrote, “Don’t carve your name on marble. Carve your name on people’s lives.” What do you think he meant by that?

III. The Possibility of the Indefinite: Matthew 25:19

v YOU NEED PERSPECTIVE:

- A. His Return is Unknown: (vs. 19) “after a Long Time”
- B. His Reckoning is Individual: (vs. 19) “Settled Accounts”

In many parts of our lives, we are indifferent and don’t care very much because we don’t see immediate consequences to our poor choices. This verse reminds us that Jesus is definitely returning and that we will each give an account of how we have used what He entrusted to us. If Jesus came tonight, what would He say to you? If you knew He was coming in one year, what would change in your life?

IV. The Point of Involvement: Matthew 25:20-23

v YOU ARE HIS PLEASURE:

- A. Distinction of the Remarks: (vs. 21,23) “Well Done, Good and Faithful”
- B. Distribution of Rewards: (vs. 21, 23) “I will set you over much”

C. Declaration of Rejoicing: (vs. 21,23) “Enter into the joy of your Master”

*Take Away:* “God has given all of us something to manage, such as money, time, gifts, and opportunities. None of us are empty handed” - K. Foreman

God has given us time, talents, and treasure. He expects us to invest those into things that will last for eternity. For so many Christians who are suffering through persecution, illness, and disappointment, these verses must bring us hope. There is a day coming when God will look us in the face and congratulate us on all that we did right. **If He were talking to you today, what kinds of things would He say you are doing right? How are you successfully investing in eternity?**

### **Group Prayer Requests**

Pray for God to guide all the Father’s at CBC this week as they seek His direction in how to invest their lives and gifts.