



Weekly Group Questions & Practices

*The following questions and practices are provided as a menu for you to select from; unless your group loves truly lengthy discussions, please don't try to do everything here! **Choose the questions and activities that best suit your group and timeframe.***

Change: Stories that change the world and your heart.

Date: **August 22, 2021**

Sermon: **Change: Making The Most of What You've Got**

Passage: **Luke 19:11-27**

Discuss:

1. How do you typically handle moments of tension, uncertainty, or opposition? What are some areas of tension, uncertainty or opposition in your life right now?
2. What is God's definition of success? How does that differ from the world's definition?
3. Describe both the faithful servants' and the unfaithful servant's view of the master. Explain how their understanding of the master's character informed each servant's actions.
4. Does your definition of fairness align with the master's actions at the end of the story?
5. What is the first servant's reward for being trustworthy with the little? What are some 'small matters' that God is asking you to be faithful with in your own life? Share with the group.

Soul Training: Stewardship of Resources

If we live with gratitude and thanksgiving for what we have been given, we will naturally give of our time, talents and treasures to those in need.

Practice

Write a paragraph or two naming specific people in your life and the way they bless you. Then take action – send them a card, give them a call.

Extra practice

Start a thankfulness journal and write about what you're grateful for each day. Brainstorm two ways you can trim less meaningful activities (watching TV, Internet) or spending from your schedule, so you can invest in others (Go for a walk with a friend. Take someone out to coffee. Volunteer at church. Give to a charity or a person in need. Surprise someone with a gift.).

Family practice

The sooner your child starts giving back the better! It helps them realize they can make a difference!