



**Series** Celebration Sunday

**Passage** Matthew 25:14-30

**Title** The Generosity of King Jesus

**Speaker:** Pastor David Menard – 5/20/2018

**Discussion Starter** – How has this sermon spoken to you about how Jesus shows us His generosity? What are some of the things that blind us to seeing the generosity of King Jesus?

### **Jesus Gives Generously to Us** (Matthew 25:14-15)

- How would you explain to someone what Jesus has given to you? How does this tie into the parable of the talents?
- What is the spiritual significance of the master going away immediately on a journey?
- Explain why you think the servants were given different amounts of money. How does this portion of scripture apply to us as Christians today?
- What is the purpose of the resources and the gifting God give us? Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-25. Discuss what insights are gained as they apply to the parable of the talents.

### **Jesus Give Us Freedom to Invest the Gifts He Gives Us** (Matthew 25:16-30)

- We see that the servant that received five talents went and traded with them and made another five talents. How is this trading and investing manifested in a practical way in God's Kingdom today? Read Micah 6:6-8. What do these scriptures reveal about what kind of investment God is looking for on our part?
- What is the significance of the Lord not coming back for a long time?
- Which gifts or talents are more valuable to God in building His Kingdom? Read Matthew 25:20-23. Explain what these verses say about what God values in building His Kingdom.
- In what ways can we abuse our gifts and talents? How did the third servant abuse his gifts and talents?
- Read Matthew 25:24-27. We see that the third servant is described as a wicked and lazy servant because he did not invest his resources of time, treasure and talent. What did this wicked and lazy servant know about the master? What did he not know about the master that the good and faithful servants knew? Read 1 Corinthians 15:58. Discuss the application to this question.
- Read Matthew 25-28-30. These verses tell us that we will all be held accountable for how we have used the gifts we were given. What other important truths do we find in these verses?
- How might the sins of omission ultimately be more dangerous than the sins of commission?
- Discuss how being fearful with our gifting and resources versus being faithful with our gifting and resources impacts our lives as Christian's today. What do both look like in a practical ways?