

Series: Unexpected Messiah- The 11th Hour

Passage Matthew 25:14-30 Title: A Well Invested Life

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Discussion Starter – Have you missed opportunities in your life? How do you feel about those missed opportunities? What opportunity is do you think God is offering to you today?

The Olivet Discourse, Matthew 24 and 25

- In Chapter 24 Jesus describes in literal terms the end of the age. Chapter 25 has two "kingdom parables". What is the message of the parable of the ten virg1ns?
- What is the message of the parable of the talents?

The Characters in the parable- verse 14

- Who is the Man traveling to a far country?
- Who are the servants?
- What is meant by the term "his goods"? On what basis were they distributed?

The Reckoning- verse 19-27

- Why are the first two servants rewarded?
- Did the third servant, (with a single talent) really know his master? Why or why not?
- What was the reward for the faithful servants? The punishment for the unfaithful?

God has given goods to each of us to steward and invest. We will face a day of reckoning with rewards for the faithful

- Why does God give us gifts?
- Which of God's goods have you been entrusted with, (natural abilities and spiritual gifts)?
- Where and with whom can you invest them?
- How can we better understand how and where to invest our gifts?
- What actions are characteristic of a good steward who invests wisely?
- What is your window of opportunity to effectively steward your gifts?
- What is God asking from us in our stewardship of our gifts and talents? How are we successful?
 How can we fail?
- Is your belief in eternal life reflected in your daily life?
- How does a clear understanding of this parable affect your decisions, priorities, and attitudes toward others around you?
- Are you ready for the return of Christ? Are you faithful with the gifts He has given you?