



**For Small Groups Meeting the Week of May23rd**

**BIG IDEA: WE SHOULD LIVE AS STEWARDS, NOT AS OWNERS**

**CONNECT with God's family: (15 minutes)**

1. Can you think of a time as a child you thought something was unfair, or your children thought a decision you made was unfair?

**GROW in Christ: (45 minutes)**

As we prepare to move as a church to our new facility and all the changes that go with that, let's consider these verses from the Bible:

**Read aloud the following passages from the Bible:**

*“When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.”*

**Luke 12:48**

*“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. (6) Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”*

**Colossians 4:5-6**

*“You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. (15) No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. (16) In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.”*

**Matthew 5:14-16**

## Discussion Questions

1. What disappointments do we face if we focus only on fairness in life?
2. Some people have been given more, some less. Talent, treasure, skill, relationships. Take some time to list what God has given you, share your list with the group.
3. Consider the question pastor Greg posed, “How can you leverage what you have for God’s Glory?”
4. How is it your responsibility to use your opportunities to be a light in this world?

### **SERVE others: (10 minutes)**

Review the main points of this weeks’ Bible message by Pastor Greg.

## EXODUS

### With Opportunity Comes Responsibility

**Big Idea: We should live as stewards, not as owners.**

### ***Matthew 25:14-19***

*[14] "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a trip. He called together his servants and gave them money to invest for him while he was gone. [15] He gave five bags of gold to one, two bags of gold to another, and one bag of gold to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities—and then left on his trip... [16] The servant who received the five bags of gold began immediately to invest the money and soon doubled it.*

*[17] The servant with two bags of gold also went right to work and doubled the money. [18] But the servant who received the one bag of gold dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money for safekeeping. [19] "After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.*

- 5. Why do you think it's not productive to compare with others, and dwell on the fairness of the distribution of "talents"?

**SHARE Christ:** (10 minutes)

**Memory Verse:**

*Matthew 25:19*

*"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them."*

**WORSHIP**

Ask each person in the group to answer this question then close in prayer, praying for each other's requests.

**How can we help you in prayer this week?**

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