

PROVERBS

GOD'S WISDOM FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

Wisdom At Work

LEADER NOTES

- **Keep the Connection Clear**
Stewardship reveals what you believe about the Master.
Accountability is certain when He returns.
- **Emphasize response over amount.**
Different servants received different amounts.
The issue was not quantity.
The issue was faithfulness.
- **Watch for fear based excuses.**
The third servant justified inaction.
Redirect the group from excuse making toward obedience.
- **Encourage ownership language.**
We are caretakers, not owners.
Everything entrusted belongs to the Master.
- **Focus on invitation not supervision.**
The faithful servants acted immediately.
The ant prepares without being told.
Press toward self motivated obedience.
- **Press toward practice, not intention.**
Good intentions buried in the ground produce nothing.
Action reveals belief.
- **Point to accountability with hope.**
There is evaluation.
There is reward.
The aim is joy with the Master, not fear of Him.

Review the Guidelines each time you have a new member join your group or once a month.

ASSIGN NEXT WEEK'S STORY

Genesis 39:6-23

**ASK FOR PRAYER REQUEST.
ASK A VOLUNTEER TO CLOSE IN PRAYER.**

***Share & record prayer requests. Follow up throughout the week.**

PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE

TARGET

Topic: Faithful stewardship while the Master is away.

Take Away: You are entrusted, not entitled. What you do with what God has given you reveals your faithfulness and prepares you for His return.

God Stories: A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

Ice Breaker Question: *What is something you were trusted with early in life that shaped how you handle responsibility today?*

This Week's Passage: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Share background: *Jesus is responding to the disciples' questions about the temple's destruction, His coming, and the end of the age. He speaks in a first century world where wealthy landowners traveled and entrusted their estates to stewards. He has just warned about vigilance and readiness for the kingdom. A talent represented an enormous sum of money. Accountability between masters and stewards was expected. Under Roman occupation, His warnings about judgment carried weight. Now the story from God's Word...*

**Tell the story. Rebuild the story.
Read the story from God's Word.**

Head Question: *In this passage, what specific actions distinguish the faithful servants from the lazy servant? Point to the exact phrases in the text.*

Heart Question: *Where in your life are you tempted to play it safe instead of putting what God has given you to work? Is it time? Influence? Ability? Money? What fear may be driving that?*

Hands Question: *What step can you take before next week to invest what God has placed in your hands instead of protecting your comfort?*