

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, March 1, 2009

Passage: Luke 19:11-27

Memory Passage: Luke 19:26

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:11-12.** Where does the telling of this parable take place and who is the audience?
- (b) What was the purpose of Jesus telling this parable? Who is the nobleman?
- (c) What does Jesus say must happen for Him to gain His kingdom (v. 12)?
- (d) *Think about it:* What role do we play in this parable?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:11-12. Talk about what this parable is all about. What were the disciples expecting to happen? Was this going to happen? What did Jesus say must happen for the kingdom to be given? Where are we right now in this parable? Pray that your life would be one of good stewardship awaiting the return of Christ.

DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:13-14.** Who do the servants and citizens represent?
- (b) What is it that the servants are commanded to do? What does this mean for us?
- (c) What is the attitude of the citizens? What is the level of the citizens' contempt for this nobleman?
- (d) *Think about it:* The servants are all given the same amounts. Are the servants going to be able to make any valid excuses for not engaging in business? How does this relate to what God has given us equally (1Corinthians 12:4-11)?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:13-14. Talk about who the servants and the citizens represent. What are the expectations on the servants? How much do the citizens dislike the nobleman? How much are all the servants given? Will they be able to say "someone else got more than me, that's why I wasn't able to make money"? What has God given to us equally (1Corinthians 12:4-11)? Pray that the Lord would help you to be faithful to what he has called you to do.

DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:15-19.** What will Jesus return as (Revelation 19:11-16)?
- (b) What will He do when He has returned? How are the servants rewarded?
- (c) Whose mina do the servants say it is? Do the servants take credit for making more money with the mina?
- (d) *Think about it:* What was Jesus' final commandment to us before He left (Mt 28:18-20)? How long were the servants to engage in business? Are you faithfully engaging in the "business" until Jesus' return? What returns have you seen?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:15-19. Talk about what will happen at the return of Jesus/nobleman. How are the servants rewarded? Whose mina do the servants say it is? Do the servants take credit for making money with the mina? What was Jesus' final commandment to us before He left (Mt 28:18-20)? How important is it to share the gospel and engage in the ministry? Pray that the Lord would give you opportunities to share the gospel and to serve the church.

DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:20-23.** Why did the servant in this section not invest the money?
- (b) In the context of the preceding verses, is this view of the king valid? What is the king really like?
- (c) *Think about it:* How can an incorrect view of God affect how you obey God? How do you fail to see God rightly?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 19:20-24. Talk about the failing of the other servant. Why did the servant not engage in business? Is this how the king/Jesus really was/is? The king questions the fact that this man really believed what he said. How does a wrong view of God affect our obedience? Pray that you would see God rightly and pursue Him with all your heart.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:24-27.** What is the point made by the king giving the mina from the one slave to the first?
- (b) Why does the audience respond the way they do?

(c) Does verse 26 teach that someone can lose their salvation? Does the servant ever really know the master (Luke 8:18; Hebrews 6:4-8)?

(d) The citizens are mentioned again in the last verse. How does the king's punishment fit with their own desire for him not to rule over them?

(a) *Think about it:* What is the sign of a faithful servant? Do you seek to obey the Master in all that He asks for? Are there things that you avoid doing like sharing the gospel, serving others, encouraging other Christians or serving the church?

(b) *Family:* Read Luke 19:24-27. Talk about the punishments of the two groups and what they mean. Are there people who appear to be Christians but don't ever really know Christ? What is going to happen to them? What about those who reject Christ? Pray for someone you know that might fall into one of those two categories.

DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

(a) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* What have you learned this week? What has God been speaking to you? Are you "engaged" in the Lord's business? Are you fulfilling all God has called you to do? Thank God that it is His resources that accomplish His goals and all we have to do is to be willing to risk ourselves for Him.

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The Parable of the Ten Minas
"even what he has will be taken away."