



Week of November 13th, 2016

Key Scripture:

Luke 19:11–27 (ESV)

[...] “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’

[...] ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ ¹⁹ And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ ²⁰ Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man.

[...] ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ ²⁵ And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ ²⁶ ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

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Discussion Questions:

Paul began his preach on Sunday by saying “*money matters.*” **How have you seen money be used in the world to affect change for both good & bad purposes / causes?**

Read Matthew 6:21 – **Why is money so good at revealing where your heart is? What examples show how money can uncover what is king is someone’s life?**

How does God test our hearts with respect to money? Do you have a testimony from your own life of God’s faithfulness with money?

Read Luke 19:11-27. **How does this parable talk about Jesus’ kingdom & the citizens currently living in it (v14, v27)? Do you think Christians should represent the servants or the citizens?**

As Christians we can get often get caught up thinking we are just citizens of God’s kingdom. Citizens take pleasure dwelling within a kingdom, servants however are given a task. **Do you feel like more of a citizen or a servant in God’s kingdom? What’s the difference?**

What things has God given to you to steward in this life? With these answers what would it look like for you to steward these things like the first servant?

With your money, what are some of the key differences between an owner and a steward of it? How could being a steward be more fulfilling? What are some reasons why we slip into viewing our money and possessions as our own?

The last servant was paralyzed with fear of the king. **Should we be also?**

What is your hope for your finances? In this hope, what would be the most amazing thing for you to do with what God has given you?

Ten minas were approximately 3 months’ wages. **What then is significant about the first servant’s reward? Why is the reward given as authority? How does this compare to our reward waiting for us?**