

GROWTH GUIDE

For you. Your family. Your group.

Stewarding the New Year | Matthew 25:14-30
FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

SERMON OUTLINE

1. God owns everything, I own nothing. Matthew 25:14-15
2. God has given me responsibility over everything I have, and I can choose whether or not to use it to please God. Matthew 25:16-18
3. Jesus could come back at any time. Matthew 25:19
4. I will be called into account for what I did with everything God gave me. Matthew 25:20-30

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Looking back at the passage and your notes, is there anything that encouraged, challenged, or confused you?
2. In verse 19 it says after a long time the master returned to the servants to settle accounts with them. What was travel like in Jesus's time? What does that with v19 teach us about the timing of Christ's return?
3. What are some ways our society and our own sin nature invites us to compare ourselves to one another? How does knowing everything is God's discourage comparison and pride?
4. Give an example of something God has given you specifically to steward. What does it mean to steward that for the Kingdom of Heaven?
5. Out of all the things we've been given, the gospel is the most important thing we have to steward well. What would it look like in 2022 to bury the gospel like the third servant? To grow it like the first two servants?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

1. Was there an area, either Talent, Treasure, or Time that stuck out to as an area you need to work on? If so, what could the next step of faithfulness look like for you this week?
2. Is there someone specific you want to share the Gospel with in 2022? If so, share about the person. If not, how could you create some opportunities? Who might be good people to share with? Finally, how should knowing Jesus could come back at any time give you a sense of urgency in this task of sharing the Gospel?

PRAYER POINTS

1. Pray that God would convict you and give you opportunities to share the gospel and your testimony with others in 2022.
2. Ask God to help our church family to be good stewards of what He has given us.
3. Praise God that he sent Jesus to be the perfect, faithful servant we couldn't, so that we could be counted righteous with him!