



GRACE GROUP LEADER'S MESSAGE GUIDE

(Week of October 5th)

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE - GOOD AND FAITHFUL

LAST WEEK'S ACTION STEP

Burn the contract. Get rid of the "if/then" attitudes and behaviors of your marriage.

ICEBREAKER

What is okay and not okay to do on an airplane?

BOTTOM LINE

His final pronouncement should be your first priority.

MAIN SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 4:2	1 Peter 4:10
1 Timothy 5:8	Colossians 3:23
Genesis 2:15	Deuteronomy 8:17-18

RESOURCES

Read this [article](#) from Desiring God titled, "God Still Loves Hard Work."

Listen to this 14 minute [podcast](#) from John Piper titled, "How Do I Prioritize My Busy Life?"

GRACE EVENTS

<https://www.gracefellowship.cc/events/>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. When's a time you didn't live up to *your own* expectations. *Leaders: think lighter i.e. like a New Year's resolution that lasted a week?*
3. What do you want to be known for in life? (*Leaders catch if anyone says "good and faithful..." Typically most will say other adjectives.*)
4. Read **Matthew 25:14-30**. What do you notice about the way the master distributes the talents? (*Leaders: wait to ask this follow up question.*) Why do you think he gives different amounts to each servant?
5. How does the master respond to each servant? What does this tell us about God's view of faithfulness vs. fear or laziness?
6. How would you say you've invested the talents God's given you so far?
7. What's your understanding of *ownership* vs. *stewardship*? How does this passage challenge the way we think about them?
8. What distracts you from prioritizing what matters most? Why?
9. How does keeping your focus on the correct finish line change how you live today (see Hebrews 12:1-2)
10. What's one resource, relationship, or responsibility God has entrusted to you that you want to steward more faithfully? How?

ACTION STEP

Identify one needed change and make it today.