

## ***The Parable Of The Talents - Matthew 25:14-30***

### **Ideas for an intro**

- Typically, when I think of talents, I think of sports, acting, music and painting/drawing. Throughout my life, I have always been surrounded by people who excelled in all of those things. I never felt any good at any of those. As time passed, some of those I got better at. As more time passed and I got additional coaching, practice and encouragement, I found I could do decent and even well in some areas. I also discovered talents and abilities I never would have pictured in my life. In this session, we'll be looking at some of the Talents and Abilities God has brought into your group as well as into your own life and what that might mean.

### ***A Biblical Passage to focus on***

- Read Matthew 15:14-30

### ***A short devotional based on that Biblical passage***

2. This passage starts off with a man going somewhere. Where is he going? (v14)
3. Who does He call? What does he do? What are these people given?
4. How are they given out? (v. 15)
5. What does this first person do? (v. 16)
6. How quickly does this happen?
7. What does the second person do? (v.17)
8. What happens?
9. What does the third person do? (v. 18)
10. When the master returns, what happens between the master and the first person? (v. 19-21)
11. What happens between the master and the second person? (v. 22-23)
12. What happens between the master and the third person? (v. 24-30)
13. Why does this third person act this way? (v. 24-25)

### ***Brainstorming questions for you and your team***

1. What talents are represented on your team?
2. What fears do you have about your talents?
3. How well are your talents/abilities being used?
4. How well are the team's talents/abilities being used?
5. What are some of your talents/abilities that are not being used?
6. What are some of the team's talents/abilities that are not being used?
7. What are some things you know about your 'Master'? What are some things to hang on to?

### ***Application Concepts***

1. List all the talents/abilities that you have.
2. List all the talents/abilities that your team/ministry/club has.
3. Make a list of the options you have with those talents/abilities
4. What are some things that you could do but are not doing?

### ***This week's Holy Experiment...or ask God for another***

1. Take one of your talents and do something specifically that will help, encourage or bring positive attention to God.