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Order of Worship
21 August 2022
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song

We Listen to the Word

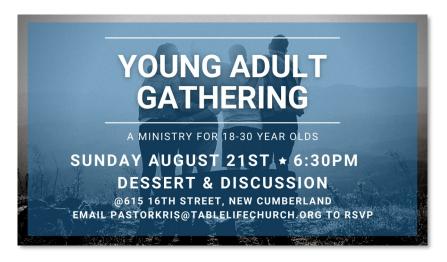
Prayer
Sermon Series: Story Time-The Parables of Jesus
Sermon: "The Talents"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song
Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending







Doggy Bag-Some questions to chew on:



- 1. How would you describe the job description of a follower of Jesus?
- 2. Do you find anything unsettling or unfair with this parable? To which of the characters do you most relate and why?
- 3. What are some things that make it difficult to embrace what you have?
- 4. In what areas of your life are you not taking full responsibility for what and whom God has entrusted to you?
- 5. Have you ever decided to stay safe or to do what was easy only to come to regret it? What did you learn?
- 6. What will you do with that you have, where you are? What will it take to stop looking at everybody else?

If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/ Pastor Kris about following Christ, please email pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org or call 717-774-6444 to set up an appointment.



Story Time: The Parables of Jesus "The Talents" Pastor Kris Beckert

Have you ever had a job that turned out different than the job description?

Making your life and work matter eternally:

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Matthew 25: 14-18 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

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Matthew 25:19-23 After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had

received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy servant; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

- The main point of parable isn't about God but about _____
- The servants were given different talents but equal _____ and the same

3. Embrace _____ and avoid _____

Matthew 25:24-30 Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave!

You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?

²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

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