

**FOLLOWING JESUS: GETTING TO WORK  
FEBRUARY 13-14, 2010**

The sermon this weekend, February 13th & 14th, will be on Luke 19: 11-27. The questions below are to be used for your small group meeting that relates to this sermon.

1. How is God changing your life?
2. Tell about a time in your life when a "success" led to a greater opportunity.

**OBSERVE**

3. As Jesus nears Jerusalem, anticipation about the Kingdom of God and Israel's Messiah mounts. What were some of the hopes and expectations associated with that role?

4. In response to this anticipation, Jesus tells a parable. How does the parable speak to the idea that some thought the Kingdom of God would appear at once? What does verse 13 suggest about the role of the servants until the return of the King?

5. Verses 16-19 are the summary of the two who multiplied the king's money. What are the king's words to the servant in verse 17? What does the sudden increase of responsibility say about the king? What does it say about each of the two servants?

6. Verses 20-23 tell the story of the third servant. How did his perception of the king affect his use of the money? What do you think of the king's reply? Was it right? What was his expectation fair?

7. Read verse 26. Tell about how you think the following people would respond to that statement:

- a) The casual listener
- b) Jesus' followers
- c) The religious leaders

8. The parable ends (v. 27) with the ultimate judgment of those who oppose the king. How do you understand this? Discuss with one another the tension between a loving and gracious God and final judgment of those who live in opposition to God.

### **REFLECT**

9. Do you view your resources (time, money, skills, etc.) as something God has entrusted to you? If not, how do you understand them?

10. How are you putting your resources to work in a way that benefits God's Kingdom?

11. Read Ephesians 2:10. How does this verse speak to you after studying the parable?

### **ACT**

12. What is your next step in following Jesus?

Who could you help take their next step in following Jesus?