

**Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 26, 2026**

**Luke 19:11-27; Matthew 25:14-30, "The Talents," Jordan Green**

**Ice Breaker:** Who was one of the most talented people you knew when you were growing up? What happened to them?

**Dig:**

1. Read both Matthew's and Luke's account of this parable. Look briefly to the preceding activities and Jesus' other teaching leading up to this parable, noting Jesus is enroute to Jerusalem for the last time. What are the similarities and differences between these two accounts? Who does the master represent? The servants? The journey? The talents/minas?
2. In both accounts, what is the basis for the reward or punishment each received? Does the master's treatment of the servant who hid/buried his entrustment strike you as fair? Why or why not?
3. In each account, what is the main point of this parable? How do the differences between the accounts add nuance to the main point?

**Apply:**

4. What resources/talents has God entrusted to you? When He asks what you have done with them, what will you say? What would you like to change? What next steps will that require of you?

Adapted from Serendipity Bible (1988), This Morning with God (1978), Search the Scriptures (1978)