



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 8, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 19:11-27

[11] As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. [12] He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. [13] Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ [14] But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ [15] When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. [16] The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ [17] And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ [18] And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ [19] And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ [20] Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; [21] for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ [22] He said to him, ‘I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? [23] Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ [24] And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ [25] And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ [26] ‘I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. [27] But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

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Discussion Questions

1. Should it be difficult to wait for Christ’s return? Why or why not?
2. A mina was worth approximately 3 months wages. What do you think the “mina” represents in this parable? Describe the mina in your own life and how you can steward it wisely.
3. In what “jaw dropping” way does God reward His faithful followers? Think about your answer to question #2; what do you think it means that God takes away the mina from the unfaithful servant and gives it to the faithful?

4. What misconceptions about God prevent people today from faithfully following Him? How can you help to correct these misconceptions?

5. Describe what it means for Christ to “reign” over a person’s life. Based on your description, is it possible for a person to follow Christ sometimes and not others, or to obey Him in most areas but not all? In other words, is there such a thing as a “middle ground” in which people can live partially for the King? What are the consequences for not wanting Christ to reign over your life?