



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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BOTTOM LINE

What you have matters less than what you do with it.

SCRIPTURE

"The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.' His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'" (Matthew 25:20-21 NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that God gave them their talents and abilities, and to encourage them to use their talents in a God-honoring way.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—one way you can mobilize your students' potential is by leveraging their unique talents for your group. If you have a great organizer, ask them to keep the small group calendar. If you have a natural conversationalist, ask them to lead discussion time or welcome new students.

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In 30 seconds, retell *The Parable of the Talents*.
2. Why do you think Jesus told this story?
3. Why do we tend to get frustrated with God for what we *don't* have instead of trusting God with what we *do* have?
4. What would it look like for you to celebrate people who have different talents, abilities, and qualities than you?
5. What's something you have—something you like about yourself—that you recognize not everyone has?
6. What's one way you can do more with what you have?

TRY THIS

Leaders—encourage your students to find a phrase that they can say to remind them of the way God sees them. If you need help prompting your students, here are some options:

- My God loves me, so I can love me.
- God defines me. People don't.
- I'm an accepted child of God.
- I'm a loved son/daughter of God.
- God says I have what it takes.