

Life Groups: Connecting people to God, His Word, and One Another

Questions from Pastor Bill's Message on Jan. 21.

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO ONE ANOTHER.

- 1) Do you like Antiques Road Show? If you took one item on that show, what would you take?
- 2) If money wasn't a concern, what would you do with your life?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD'S WORD. [Read Matthew 25:14-30](#)

- 1) To what did Jesus liken the Kingdom of God to in verse 14?
- 2) From their responses, what did each of these men think about their master? How did those thoughts shape how they responded?
- 3) How did the master react to the report of each servant?
- 4) How does this story illustrate what the Kingdom of Heaven will be like someday?
- 5) What do verses 29-30 mean?

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO GOD THROUGH THE SERMON AND PRAYER:

QUESTIONS FROM THE SERMON:

- 1) Why do you think people are so sensitive when we talk about money?
- 2) Who taught you how to tithe? Who set the example for you?
- 3) Which of these is most important: time, talent, or treasure?
 - a. What are the non-money parts of our time, talent, and treasure? Do you remember the SHAPE acronym? S=Spiritual gifts, H=Heart, A=Abilities, P=Personalities, E=Experiences. How do we give from those resources?
- 4) How does practicing in stewardship and being generous shape our lives?
- 5) Why should believers in Jesus value what God values? What can we do if we don't?
- 6) Pastor Bill has repeated the following phrase to us many, many times. He says, "stewardship is always a heart issue. Struggling with stewardship is not a money issue; it's a heart issue." Why is PB convinced that statement is true?
- 7) What stood out to you? What did you write down in your notes?

APPLYING THIS LESSON:

- 1) What steps do you need to take to intentionally grow in your giving? How can you intentionally steward what God has given to you?
- 2) God is so Good! Throughout much of last year, many of our church leaders feared that we could finish the year with more expenses than we had income. It was a big concern, but God met our needs through very generous giving throughout December. This December was the most generous giving month we've had in years. It was unbelievable! People gave over \$272,000 in December. What happened? Please thank and praise God for his provision and for generous hearts.

PRAYER:-How can we pray for you tonight? How can we uplift our church and the pastoral transition?