

Loop Questions

The Church at Martinsburg

“Faithfulness”

Galatians 5:22-23

August 10, 2014



Scripture

Have a volunteer read Galatians 5:22-23.

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”

Have a volunteer read Luke 19:12-27.

¹²He said therefore, “A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Engage in business until I come.’ ¹⁴But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We do not want this man to reign over us.’ ¹⁵When 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. ¹⁶The first came before him, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.’ ¹⁷And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.’ ¹⁸And the second came, saying, ‘Lord, your mina has made five minas.’ ¹⁹And he said to him, ‘And you are to be over five cities.’ ²⁰Then another came, saying, ‘Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹for 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.’ ²²He 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? ²³Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ ²⁴And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.’ ²⁵And they said to him, ‘Lord, he has ten minas!’ ²⁶I 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. ²⁷But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.’”

Discussion Questions

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means.

1. Share some of your thoughts or insights from last week's message. What challenged you, encouraged you, convicted you, or ministered to you?
2. What comes to mind when you think about faithfulness? How does the parable of the 10 minas in Luke 19:12-27 change your view of being faithful, especially being faithful to the King?
3. *"To walk in the Spirit is to live moment by moment in dependency upon Him, sensitive to his voice and in obedience to him."* How does Dr. Charles Stanley's definition of walking in the Spirit help us put that into practice?
4. What does the king's response to each of the three servants teach us about the King? (vs. 16-26) Do you see God as severe and exacting or as a loving Father eager to reward you for faithful service?
5. How does knowing you will give an account before the King (v. 15) change your priorities and motivate you to be a faithful servant? In what areas of your life do you need to be more faithful? Consider 1 Cor. 3:11-15, Matt. 28:16-20, Heb. 10:24, Eph. 2:10, Matthew 5:16, Micah 6:8)