

## **A** APPLY

The goal of reading the Bible is transformation. We want to let the Word of God grow deep in us so that we can bear much fruit.

1. What gifts has God given you that could be opportunities for making an impact for God's Kingdom?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Some of you may feel like there are many opportunities that you've already missed out on. What's keeping you from "unburying" those gifts and utilizing them now?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Is there any response (head, heart, or hands) to this parable that the Holy Spirit is impressing upon you?

## **REACH**

Could you explain the heart of the Christian message (the Gospel) in about 1 minute? Make a bullet point list of the key truths you think need to be included and then time yourself explaining them and practice with your group.

## **PRAYER**

Close by praying about this passage, thanking God about what was learned and seeking His transformation of our lives.

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## *From God. For God.*

Matthew 25:14-30

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*I never knew:*

*I need to change:*

*I should share:*



# GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

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## GETTING STARTED

1. What has been your least favorite job? What didn't you like about it?
2. What was the most rewarding job or project you did that benefited someone else more than yourself?

FOR GROWTH GROUP TIME

## SOMA

BIBLE STUDY METHOD  
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### SOAK

Read **Matthew 25:14-30** three times asking the Holy Spirit to open it to you. Our goal is to soak in the Spirit, the scripture, and its surroundings.

1. What kind of writing is this? What is unique about this way of teaching?
2. What takes place right before this story? What is the "it" referring to of verse 14?



### OBSERVE

Once we've soaked in the passage, we want to make sure we are able to see all that is really there; not interpreting, but taking note of what is present.

1. Who are the main characters? What do we learn about them?

2. What other elements are significant in the parable?
3. Is there a surprise or unexpected twist in this parable?
4. Do you have any questions from the parable?



### MEANING

Now that we're familiar with the passage, we want to get at its meaning. This isn't about what it means to me, but what the author was intending to say.

1. Who do you think the master and the servants each represent? What about the "talents"?
2. What is the master's message to the two servants who earned a return on their investment?
3. What was at the heart of the third servant's actions?
4. What do you think is the main point of the parable?