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 **Don’t Waste Your Life**

Matthew 25:14-30

**Key Truth:** Because God is the owner and giver of everything we have, we must learn how to be good stewards of all He has given us.

**Some Truths About Multiplication From God’s Standpoint:**

1. From the beginning of creation multiplication has been the

 heart of God. Genesis 1:28

2. The Great Commission carries on that mission of God to

 multiply His image and righteousness in the earth.

 Matthew 28:18-20

3. Disciples bearing fruit brings the Father great joy. John 15:5

4. God expects a return on His investment.

**What Jesus Teaches Us About Faithfulness & Multiplication:**

1. As disciples we have been giving possessions, abilities, and

 opportunities by to use in multiplying the Kingdom of God.

2. We must be good stewards of everything Jesus has given us.

 A. Good stewards are faithful and resourceful.

3. We will all give an account to Jesus Christ in how we have

 used our gifts, time and opportunities to further His

 Kingdom.

4. God wants His church to multiply.

**What Role Do We Play In Multiplying:**

1. Pray bold and dangerous prayers. Ephesians 3:20

2. Participate in the life and mission of BTWC. Philippians 1:3-6

3. Invite others to experience the life changing power of God

 through the local church. John 4:28-30

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Make the most of the life God has given you. Look for ways to share the message and love of Jesus Christ with others. Trust Jesus as your Savior.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Think about some trips you have taken. What preparations did you make before you left?

If you were to go away on a long trip, who would you entrust to look after things for you while you were gone, and why? Do you believe God should entrust you with His possessions while He’s away?

READ John 4:27-30: How did the living water she found spur her to tell others about Jesus out of joy and compassion, rather than obligation? What can we learn about her urgency, given that she left her jar?

READ John 4:35-42. Jews in Jesus’ day predominantly looked upon Samaritans with disdain, yet Jesus chose to first reveal His identity to a Samaritan—and an adulterous woman at that. What person or group of people are you currently critical of? How would Jesus interact with this group?

In what ways could you use your relationship with them to exemplify Jesus’ grace and goodness? How could it draw you both into a deeper relationship with Him?

Why did the Samaritans come to faith? How might God have used the example of the woman—the repentance, freedom, and redemption she had found—to draw them to Himself?

Read Luke 9:5: Why do we sometimes allow the negative people who reject the gospel to deter us from sharing with others? What did Jesus tell His disciples to do to those who refused to hear?