



What Are You Waiting For?
Luke 19:11-27
Message-based Small Group Lesson

Overview

Jesus uses this parable to explain that his followers are part of a kingdom still to come. Until then they serve in faithfulness to the king by doing the job each has been assigned to do, despite doing it in a land that is hostile towards the king.

Engaging with each other

1. If you had to hire or fire yourself in either the imaginary role of “details person” or the “CEO of easy-going” why would you do so?

Engaging with the Bible

1. Read Luke 19:11-27
2. Who was Jesus telling this parable to? What was their expectation?
3. How does this parable address this expectation?
4. What does the king command his servants to do in verse 13? How does this command make the report from the third servant more troubling?

5. Read Mark 13:32-36. What additional insights does this give you about our parable? What strikes you about the phrase, “each with his assigned task?”
6. Read Luke 19:14. What is the meaning of this verse? How does this set the context for the king’s commands to his servants? What are the ultimate consequences for the enemies of the king?
7. Create a phrase that summarizes the main main-point of this parable.

Engaging with our lives

1. The report from the third servant seems based on his own fears and a faulty view of the king. In the end, the king says the servant is without excuse, since even with his fears and faulty view, he could have at least deposited the king’s money to earn interest. Do we ever let fears and faulty views over-complicate the King’s call on our lives? Why or why not?
2. What talents and resources has the King left with you?
3. Would you say you have been a faithful servant? Why or why not?
4. How might you better use the gifts God has given you?