

**GOING DEEPER**  
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**Title:** Reimagine Leadership

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**Text:** Matthew 25:14-30

**Discussion Questions:**

Some of us lead and others of us are leaders. Jesus was aware that people were watching His every move: He had followers. There are also people watching you: you have followers. What are they seeing? How are they interpreting what they are seeing?

**LOOK AT THE WORD**

**“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.” Matthew 25:14-15**

*Jesus loved using stories as He taught. In this parable, Jesus takes something that would have been normal of a master-servant relationship and leverages it for His audience.*

What about aspects of this story do you expect? What aspects are unexpected?

**“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man... So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ Matthew 25:24-25**

If the master is God and the servants are us, Jesus knowingly describes the Master through the eyes of the servant with one bag of gold. What does this say about the master-servant relationship? The God-us relationships? What characterizes the relationship? What other Biblical examples do we know of between God & us?

**“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! ... take the bag of gold from him ...<sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. Matthew 25:26-29**

What Biblical examples of God providing and humanity mis-using or leaving things unused can you recall? How are Jesus' words keeping inline with what we know about God? How is the Gospel still good news through these words?

**LOOK INWARD**

*Created With Ability – “There is God-potential placed within each of us... God-opportunity placed before each of us... God-privilege to lead something that matters for His glory, purpose and pleasure.”*

What are you passionate about? How do your gifts and skills align with your passions?

How are responsibly using your skills to lead where you are? What are the fruits of your work, in other words, your productivity? Who is holding you accountable to staying active in your skills, gifts, passions and being aware of who is following you as you follow Jesus?

**LOOK OUTWARD**

*“The wealth we have been entrusted with, and who gave it to us, inspires growth, flourishing, opportunity and abundant, eternal reward and joy.*

Who is following you? Who is under your influence? Are you a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, co-worker, friend or stranger on the street?

Who stands to benefit from your growth and flourishing? Who has suffered because of the way you have used your influence? Who has become better because you've been better?

**SO WHAT:**

*What might God have entrusted to you? There is something God wants you to step into. Some part of his awesome narrative that He wants you to play. And when you embrace this responsibility, your life moves to a whole new level of meaning and abundance.*

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## **NEVER STOP PRAYING**

- Giving thanks for an opportunity to rest, renew and restore with a vacation this summer
- For connection and that you would find people to encourage each other, pray together and help each other take your next step in following Jesus; for those who have joined common groups at Trinity
- For neighbours and communities being reached by our efforts to Love Where You Live
- For treatment plans for those who will have, have had or are recovering from COVID-19.
- For our leaders locally, provincially and federally as they deal the challenges to social support, healthcare and fiscal systems because of COVID-19
- Pray for new leaders for our common groups and small groups to help our community to take their next steps in following Jesus