



Week 6 | Short Stories | July 1

Key Focus: Faith

Opening Up:

Describe an influencer who has made a positive mark on your life and how they did it.

As a child what voice or type of influence did you need to hear but did not hear?

If you could choose one positive mark to make on the world, what would it be and why?

Reference: Matthew 25:14-30

Discuss:

1. The church is in a place we sometimes call the "here and not yet." How would you describe the kingdom of Jesus being "here and not yet" to a new believer?
2. Describe what it is like to have a relationship with Jesus? What's your relationship like? What is hard or easy about it?
3. What do you imagine it will be like to see Jesus for the first time?
4. The faithful servants were rewarded by an invitation into their master's joy. The Westminster Confession says, "The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying Him forever." How have you experience the joy of God in your life?
5. If your talent is your responsibility (i.e. something God has given you to steward well), what is something(s) you feel called to steward? How is it going?
6. John Piper warns us against "wasting our life." Is there something you feel called to do for God, and that not doing it would be a wasted opportunity?
7. If you could do anything for God and knew you would not fail, what would you do?
8. The Holy Spirit of God is in you, empowering you take the gospel to the ends of the earth (Acts:8). Who do you need to take the gospel to through word and deed? (notice "and" here and not "or")
9. How can we pray for you to have the courage or desire to do what God has called you to do?
10. Pray.