

Wednesday July 29th
Jesus Speaks - Luke 19-20

Opening

Aside from watching other people's children, have you ever been entrusted with the care of an item and been nervous until it was back in the owner's hands?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In Luke 19-20 Jesus continues to interact with His disciples, with the pilgrim crowds traveling to Jerusalem and with the religious leaders. One topic He continues to teach on is how He will go away and return, and how His followers should remain faithful in their service while He is gone. Jesus speaks of this directly in the Parable of the Minas. Our discussion will focus on the principle He states in verse 26 of that parable. READ Luke 19:24-26

1. In verse 24, why did the master take the mina away from the third servant? Why do you think he would be justified in doing this?
2. In verse 25 the other servants are surprised that the master ordered the mina be given to the servant who already had 10 minas, the most of anyone. What are some reasons they may have questioned the master's decisions? Are there similar things we might question about how God works?
3. In verse 26 the master explains his judgment of the wicked servant and His reason for blessing the faithful servant. Jesus teaches this same principle in Matt 13:10-12 and again in Luke 8:16-18. Compare those two passages. What's the same between them? What's the same, and what's different from our passage in Luke 19?
4. In your own words, what do you think Jesus means when He says what someone has will be taken and a person who already has will have more?
5. What would it look like for a Christian to live by the principle Jesus teaches in these three passages? Be as specific as you can in your example(s).

Prayer

1. What is something from the passage we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.