



A LIFE THAT MATTERS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ
Luke 19:19-26

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. This Sunday, we did a lot of review of this sermon series. Remembering back, can you see how the big story of the Bible fits together, and how we play a role in it today? Is there anything from this series you want to learn more about?
3. In the second part of this series, we looked at how Jesus is the main character of the story, noting this past Sunday that we only play supporting roles. How should this perspective shape how we live our lives today?
4. Read Luke 19:19-26 again. This week, we learned that the "minas" ("talents" in Matthew's gospel) really just refers to resources that Jesus has given us to use for glorifying Him. This can be our skills or abilities, but can also include opportunities, freedom, or even our money—anything that we can invest for the glory of Jesus. What are some of the resources that God has given you that you can use to glorify Him? How are you currently using these resources?
5. Again in Luke 19:19-26, we see that we will be rewarded for how well we use what Jesus has given us. We also learned that the reward will be more responsibility and resources in the age to come. Remembering last week's sermon on the New Creation, how does this fit in with the Bible's image of heaven? How does this help us know what our lives will be like in the New Creation?
6. We were reminded on Sunday that our present life is an "internship" for the life that is to come. How does this truth encourage you? What elements in your life are more significant than you thought? Are there any elements in your life that you are challenged to change in view of this truth?