

# RL GROUPS

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## Matthew 25:14-28

<sup>14</sup> "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, [a] each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. <sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. <sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

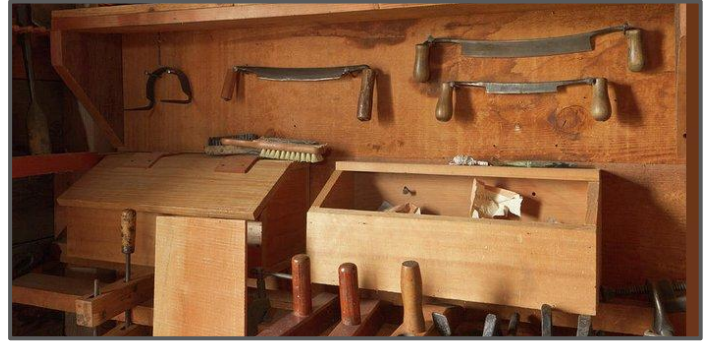
<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>22</sup> "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'



## Questions for Discussion

1. Who is someone you know who is known for taking risks? Can you think of a time when that worked out well for them?
2. Why do you think that the heroes in Jesus' parables are often people who are willing to risk everything?
3. Who is someone who poured their lives out for you? Do you think that was easy or hard for them?
4. Why is risking what we have been given so important to Jesus? From your experience, have you observed that it's easy or difficult for Christians to be generous with what they have? Why do you think that is?
5. What is a "next step" you can take toward pouring yourself out for others? Consider choosing one person in your small group who can help keep you accountable to this "next step" this week.

*As you close your time together, have each person share a word that represents a risk that God is asking them to take and lift those words up to God during a time of prayer.*