

Life Group Questions
Series: Apples and Oranges
For the week of 04.24.16

REVIEW: Read Matthew 25:14-30: Was there anything from Sunday's message or in your reading of the text that you had questions about or would like to comment on?

1. Throughout this series Pastor Jim has used the phrase, "There is no finish line in comparison." What do you think about that statement?

2. What is it about you, if anything, do you compare with others?

3. Matthew 25:24-25 The man with "one Talent" believes a lie that some fall prey to. He looks to his left and right and sees people with more and announces to his master "You gather where you planted no seed." In other words, he is saying that the master invested nothing in him and he is saying this while holding the one talent his master invested in him. Pastor Jim called this "IF ONLY." The man compared what he'd been given with what others had been given and basically said, "IF ONLY" I'd been given what others had been given. In your opinion, why is this a paralyzing way to live? Explain and have you ever fallen prey to this type of thinking?

GOING DEEPER

1. Comparison rears its ugly head in many ways. What do can these verses teach us about comparison?

James 3:16

II Corinthians 10:12

Psalms 139:14

2. Matthew 25:25 The man buries his talent in the ground. He does nothing with what has been given to him. Pastor Jim pointed out that it's not what we have that is important, it's what we do with what we have. Now read John 6:4-13, how many valuable truths can you see in this story has it pertains to "it's not what you have that's important, it's what you do with what you have?"

3. Here is your double bonus Jeopardy question: Read Matthew 25:16-18 in these verses you find the key difference between those who doubled their talents and the one that buried his. Can you see what that was?

4. Read Matthew 25:28 It doesn't end well for the man who did nothing with his talents. His talent is taken away and given to the man who has the most. What bothers us about more going to the man who has the most.....but why was that the right thing to do?

TAKING IT HOME: What is the one thing you can take home from tonight's gathering or Sunday's teaching that you can apply to your life?

PRAYER REQUESTS: