

Covered In Dust-Head: Future Focus

Text: Matthew 25:14-30

Purpose: To live our lives with eternity in mind so that when Jesus comes back, we will receive eternal rewards for what we did with our time, resources and abilities.

Opening Question: *Are you a person who is more of a planner or more spontaneous in life?*

Read and Discuss: Matthew 25:14-30

1. *Why is accountability a good thing for us? How does accountability help you?*
2. *Revelation 22:12 talks about the Judgment Seat of Christ—the time when Jesus comes back to judge Christians, not based on their sin because Jesus already paid for that, but a giving of rewards for what Christians have done with their lives. How does that encourage you to forgive, serve, and worship with your life?*
3. *In the parable one servant received five bags of gold, another two bags of gold and the third servant received one bag of gold. These represent our abilities, resources, opportunities that God gives to each person. Does it matter if a person has more or less in order to receive rewards from Jesus at the end? If a person has more abilities/resources, will that person receive more rewards than a person with less?*
4. *In the parable the first two servants were put in charge of many things and were invited to share in the master's happiness. This what heaven will be like for the Christian. We will be rewarded with responsibilities and experience joy with God. What are some of the things different from this world that you look forward to in the next world?*
5. *The servant who did nothing with his bag of gold proved that there was no fruit in his life, concluding that there was no evidence of salvation. He is sent into the darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth, which is a description of hell. What do you think hell will be like?*
6. *What opportunities do you have in front of you to make an eternal difference in your life?*