

THE CHURCH & THE KINGDOM PART 7 - Kingdom Conversations

Small Group Notes

In the first "kingdom conversation" a nobleman left his country, giving one mina to each of his servants, telling them to "engage in business" until he came back. One increased the mina to ten minas. Another increased the mina to five minas. They were given ten and five minas, respectively, and put over ten and five cities. The story continues...

Luke 19:20-26 *Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; 21 for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' 25 And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' 26 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.'*

Two provocative statements emerge from this conversation. How do you feel about these statements?

"In the kingdom of God, stepping out by faith is more valued than hiding from evil."

"In the kingdom of God, Jesus adds to the spiritual resources of those who participate in ministry and subtracts from those who don't."

Matt 21:28 *"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you."*

Discuss these statements:

"In the kingdom of God, honest wrong answers are better than dishonest right answers."

"Uncomfortable truth will eventually lead to redemption and revelation."

Matt 21:42 *Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."*

Tell us how you feel about these two comments:

"The kingdom of God is established and built on brokenness."

"Eventually, all religious pride is crushed by the revelation of Jesus."

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