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LUKE: Cost of Discipleship

Luke 19:11-27

We're diving back into the Gospel of Luke. After nine chapters introducing us to Jesus and His call, Luke now takes us with Him on the road to Jerusalem (Luke 9-19). Along the way, we'll hear some of Jesus' most famous teachings and stories, as He shows us what it truly costs to follow Him and why following Him is worth everything.

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The Big Idea

(What is the author's point?)

Jesus, our King, has called His disciples to faithfully work for Him until He comes again.

Why It Matters

(Why is this relevant to us?)

As a Christ follower, do you ever find yourself disappointed that things do not seem to be working out as you expect them to? Ever wonder where the victories, blessings and righteousness Jesus promises are to be found? Ever wonder where your King really is and what He's up to? The disciples were soon to experience similar disappointment, discouragement and unmet expectations. They would be called to live amongst their enemies rather than reign in triumph over them as they had expected. Jesus uses this parable to clarify expectations about the "when" of the Kingdom and give assignments for the "while you wait" time we still live in today.

The parable should encourage us that the King will return and remind us that we have important work to do for His Kingdom. We are given the opportunity to fulfil the responsibilities entrusted to us by God with the abilities and resources He provides. Jesus is coming again to evaluate, reward and bring judgement. In the meantime, Jesus expects us to be good stewards. He asks us to be faithful in the small things, indeed in all things. God is inviting us to help increase the Kingdom and show the world around us who the rightful King is. This is no small task, and there will be risks and costs (relationally, economically, physically, emotionally and more) to serving Christ in the time we live in.

We will be helped in the waiting and faithfully fulfilling God's purposes by rightly understanding our God and growing in our love for Him and awareness of His presence in our lives. It is not the size of the

assignment, or even the apparent outcome of our efforts, but rather the heart and trustworthiness of our service that our Lord desires. Let's work to hear the Lord proclaim, "Well done, good servant!"

Good to Know

(What are some helpful insights into this passage?)

The audience of this parable included the disciples, the crowd following Jesus to Jerusalem and probably many who were working against Jesus' purposes

"parable" – a fictional story using commonly understood themes; intended to communicate spiritual truths and principles; "an earthly story with a heavenly meaning"

Verse 12: "a nobleman" – intended to be equated with Jesus

Verse 13: "servants" – individuals who were (or seemed to be) followers of the nobleman

Verse 13: "ten minas" – an amount of money equivalent to about 100 day's wages

Verse 14: "a delegation" – citizens working to prevent the nobleman from becoming king



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Group Guide

Following the series with your group?

- Start with some [icebreaker questions](#).
- Read the passage together before you dive in.
- Share any insights from the message. Use the questions below to get your conversation started.

Conversation Starters

1. Compare and contrast the servants. What do you notice?
2. What work is the Lord calling you to now? (this can be in big and small ways!)
3. In what areas do you need to grow your stewardship of what God has given you?
4. What might be hindering you from faithfully fulfilling God's purposes in your life?
5. Regardless of our money and talents, we have been giving the Gospel. What does Jesus expect that we do with the Good News?

Prayer

Spirit, would you motivate us to keep our eyes on the Good News, and to live for the reward that only Jesus brings. Help us to have an eternal perspective as we live day by day. We love you, Amen.

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