

## **Double the Money**

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1. How much do you think about the return of Christ? What, if anything, do you think needs to happen before he comes? How much should we think about the return of Christ?

2. How do you decide if you have been given one, two, or five talents by the Lord? What's the danger in underestimating what you have been given?

3. Do you think what the one-talent servant did with his master's money was particularly wicked? What was his justification for doing it? What does it look like for us to do the same thing with what God has given us to steward?

4. How does the knowledge that all we have is the master's and he has given it to us to steward until his return influence the way we see our money and possessions? How do we remind ourselves more that it's all God's stuff?

5. If what we have is supposed to be used for the master's interests (and not our own), what kinds of things should we be investing in with our money and goods and abilities?

6. What kinds of attitudes and commitments does it take to double the master's money? What kinds of attitudes and commitments should be avoided in this project?

7. What do you think "the joy of your master" will be like? Describe the reward the faithful servants receive.

8. What is the consequence of the one-talent guy burying his talent? What is "weeping and gnashing of teeth" supposed to mean? Does it surprise you that the failure to double the money he was given led to such a terrible outcome? Why or why not? How can we be in danger of the same outcome?