

Stay Positive

You have planted much but harvest little. You eat but are not satisfied. You drink but are still thirsty. You put on clothes but cannot keep warm. Your wages disappear as though you were putting them in pockets filled with holes! **Haggai 1:6 (NLT)**

The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy. I came that you might have life and have it abundantly. **John 10:10 (GNT)**

1. **Do not diminish what you have.**
2. **God often does the extravagant through what seems insignificant.**
3. **God's abundance often follows your faith.**

Remember that the person who plants few seeds will have a small crop; the one who plants many seeds will have a large crop. You should each give, then, as you have decided, not with regret or out of a sense of duty; for God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. **2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 (GNT)**

*If Jesus Christ be God, and if he died for me, then no sacrifice is too great for me to make for him. **C.T. Studd***

For your small group:

Read Matthew 25: 14-30 . This parable is called the Parable of the Talents or The Parable of the Three Servants.

1. What does the talent or gold coins represent?
2. Who does the rich man represent in this parable?
3. What happened to the unfaithful servant in the story? What do you think about that – is it fair?
4. If you heard the trumpet blast signaling Jesus' return right now, what would you think?
5. The parable of the talents displays a Master who only holds his servants responsible for the gifts and talents he has given them. So, do you believe the third servant's view that the Master was a harsh businessman? Why, or why not? What was this servant's biggest mistake?
6. What is the main point of the parable of the talents?