

## Saving Faith is Living Faith

Luke 19:11-27

6. Two weeks ago Matt challenged us to not give up on our Good God and to keep on praying in faith, like the persistent widow. Was there something you had to start believing God for again and resume praying for?

7. This week we see that God is going to evaluate us based on how we are using our spiritual gift (s) to benefit His Kingdom. What is your spiritual gift? Which one of these servants most closely resembles your investment strategies for God? Do you need to become more aggressive in your investment of God's "Minas" in your life?

8. Take some time to pray for one another in smaller groups to encourage those who have been reminded that God is good and they should not give up and to increase our faith so we invest aggressively the "minas" God has entrusted us with.

### I. The Occasion

- A. Zacchaeus
- B. Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem.

### II. The Parable

- A. An "\_\_\_\_\_ " man. Oxford dictionary defines as "someone making great demands on one's skill, attention, and other resources."
- B. Whoever has will be \_\_\_\_\_ more. God is gracious with those he loves.

### III. The Lesson

- A. The King is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. Are you ready? Hebrews 6:4-6
- C. Therefore, evidence that we do belong to the King is that we are \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- D. Saving faith is living faith.
- E. What are the "minas" or gifts that God has given you? 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, Romans 12:6-8
  - 1. Luke 19:26, 16:10 (more)
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 14:1. We should all desire more and the "\_\_\_\_\_ " \_\_\_\_\_.
- F. God's ability to give us more is not limited by our ability or potential.

**Faith at Home:**

Read the story of Zacchaeus with your kids, Luke 19:1-10. Talk to them about this story and how God sees value in all of us. There are probably things that your kids don't like about themselves already, but this story is a good reminder that God looks at the heart. It is also a good reminder that God came to seek and save the lost.

**LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS**

1. What insight or principle or observation did you find to be most helpful or even troubling from this week's message? Explain.

3. How is Jesus like the king in this parable? How is He unlike the king of this parable? What is the message of this parable to those who want to kill Jesus (see 47-48)? Why don't they want Jesus to be their king?

4. A couple of weeks ago we looked at the parable of the persistent widow. (Luke 18:1-8) What does this parable say God will do for His people? (7-8) When will God make this happen? (See II Thessalonians 1:5-10) How will we show Jesus, at His return, that we have been living by faith while awaiting Him? (Luke 18:8) According to the parable of the 10 Minas, what will show Jesus we have been living by faith when He returns?

2. Glancing ahead (skim over 19:28-48) what is the "Occasion" for this parable? What overall message do you think Jesus is trying to communicate to the Jewish listeners by telling this parable?

5. What are the "Minas" that God has given to us? Look at I Corinthians 12:7ff & Romans 12:3-8. What does God expect us to do with our "Minas"? (Romans 12:6; I Cor. 12:7) According to this parable, what reasonable expectation does Jesus have for us?