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# LIFE NOTES – LEADER GUIDE

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## LEADER NOTES:

Welcome to the first edition of Life Notes for Fall 2024. Life Notes are written to help your group dive deeper into the Sunday message. As you use Life Notes, you will get into a rhythm of discussion. You may find that there is not enough time to get through all the questions or that a question is a springboard to others not in the guide. Find the best method for your group and adapt these notes to fit.

It may be helpful to remind your group to watch the message before you meet if they missed the weekend service. Life Notes are written so that all can participate, even if they missed, but to get the most out of them, watching the message beforehand is best. All messages are posted on the MISSION YouTube page - [youtube.com/@MISSIONAZ](https://youtube.com/@MISSIONAZ)

We are just starting up Life Notes for Life Groups. We would welcome your feedback as to the substance of these questions. How can we change these questions to better equip you? Email us at [groups@missionaz.org](mailto:groups@missionaz.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please share with your group

**Transformation Sunday:** We will be having an open call to baptism during both services on September 22. If you have members of your group who are not baptized and are ready to take that step, they can register ahead of time or just show up and respond to the open call. This is a great opportunity to talk to your group members about whether they have been baptized or not.

**Mexico Impact Trip:** Our next global mission trip is Nov 8-11. The trip will take place in Rocky Point, just a 4-hour drive from MISSION. This family-friendly trip could be a great experience for your group. To learn more, go to [missionaz.org/impact](https://missionaz.org/impact)

## WARM-UP:

1. What's a weird and unique talent that you have?

## KNOW IT:

1. Read Matthew 25:14-30. In this passage, what's encouraging? What's challenging? What words or phrases catch your attention? *(Solicit feedback from the group as their thoughts may help provide a different perspective.)*

God has given each of us varying degrees of talents, and it's our responsibility to use our talents to grow the kingdom of God. There are consequences, both positive and negative, depending on whether we use our talents or not.

2. What do the talents represent that were given to the servants? Why was it important to the master that the servants increase them?

3. How did their perception of the master affect the response of each servant? *(i.e., the third servant who did not increase his talents vs. the other two who did.)*

## SHARE IT:

1. What are your unique talents and gifts?
2. How have you used these talents in the past at home, at your workplace, and the church? How have you seen God multiply your gifts and talents?

## LIVE IT:

1. Fear prevented the servant with one talent from investing it. Are there any obstacles preventing you from using your talents?
2. What is something you can do to overcome an obstacle that has been holding you back from using your talents to advance the kingdom?

## PRAYER:

Take prayer requests. Follow up on any past prayer requests. Highlight answered prayers. Have someone pray to close.

## DIGGING DEEPER:

For further study, read Luke 19:11-27. How is this passage similar to the parable we just discussed? What additional insights can we glean from it?

*Read these additional passages: How can you apply these to your life?*

Luke 12:48 - But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.

1 Peter 4:10: "As each one has received a gift, use it in serving one another, as good stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Romans 12:6-8: "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to each of us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to faith; if service, in serving; if teaching, in teaching; if exhortation, in exhorting; if giving, in generosity; if leadership, in diligence; if mercy, in cheerfulness."

If you don't know what your spiritual gifts are, we have linked a survey that can help you identify them. [gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey](https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey)