



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families: For the week of November 18, 2018

Note to Discussion Leaders: Have members read the Bible passage in the group meeting. This is a “worship discussion” guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. Read through this guide before meeting with the group. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for the time of meeting together, and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Luke 19:11-27 Given

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Luke 19:11-27](#).

- “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham, for the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost’.” ([Luke 19:9-10](#); Jesus, about Zacchaeus)
- The search for significance and impact. “If we don’t find our significance in the blood and righteousness of Christ we are looking in the wrong places. If we don’t seek the glory of Jesus more than our own than we are glory thieves, idol worshipers, and ingrates. If we don’t find our identity in being a son of God, seated with Christ in heavenly places, and a joint-heir with Christ we are settling for cheap change.” (*Randy Nabors*)
- If salvation can come to this loser, then it certainly means something for us, our nation
- Passover is coming: now might be the time?
- The issue of the nobleman going into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom. “But his citizens hated him” (14). The Herods had actually done this
- The gifts are generous (based on grace, not ability)
- “Engage in business until I come” (13); A better rendering is “Engage in business in a situation in which I am returning”
- You see to identify oneself with the nobleman is fraught with danger. What does faith look like in uncertainty?
- The smart money is buried. (the market hates uncertainty)
- Commendations are handed out for “faithful” not “successful”
- It is difficult to identify with the nobleman when he is not so popular
- Let’s look at the accounting. How much business has been transacted is a better translation. (The amount of business indicates a greater association with the nobleman)
- “Lord, your mina has made ten more” (16)
- The reward is more responsibility not privileges
- How about that ending? (27)

Going Deeper in God's Worship

Reflect on the text together. [Hear the sermon here.](#)

- 1.) What is true about God's character, promises or work?
- 2.) What does the Scripture teach you about yourself or others?
- 3.) Are you encouraged to follow Jesus in His mission? How?

Reflect on the whole of Sunday's liturgy together. Locate this week's [Order of Worship here.](#)

- 1.) Was there an element of the worship service that you would like to share with the group?
 - *A Scripture verse that was read?*
 - *A prayer that was prayed?*
 - *A song that was sung?*
 - *A sacrament that was administered?*
 - *A way that glory was given to God?*
 - *A way that someone encouraged you?*
- 2.) Did the Holy Spirit convict, change, or encourage you in any way you wish to share with the group?
- 3.) Is Jesus leading you or the group to take a specific risk to minister the Good News to Richmond? Your neighbors? Your co-workers? Your family and friends?

Going Further in Christ's Mission

- 1.) Have the Scripture text open in front of you as a guide to your prayers.
 - Spend time thanking God and giving Him glory.
- 2.) Ask the Lord for vision, strength and faith as followers of Jesus Christ.
 - Count on the work of the Holy Spirit for change.
 - Ask for God's forgiveness and grace to repent of sin and trust Jesus.
 - Pray for the world, our country, Richmond, and the Church.
 - Pray for members of your group, family members, or co-workers, neighbors and friends.

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