

## Proving Ground – Part 2: What You Have Sunday, August 1, 2021

*Every day we are presented with proving ground opportunities, some small and some big but all significant. Who we are becoming is tested in both the small and big things. Don't neglect the small things – and don't neglect the motivation for why we do what we do and choose what we choose.*

### Read Matthew 25:14-30

- Why do you think the owner gave different amounts to different servants? Why do you think we struggle with feeling like we've been given more or less than others?
- What is your opinion about the different approaches taken by the different servants? Do you think there were different expectations for the different servants? Why or why not?
- On what (or who) was the focus of the two servants who put what was entrusted to use?
- On what (or who) was the focus of the one servant who buried the money in the ground?
- Where do you tend to place your focus and how does it influence your motivation in putting to use what God has entrusted to you?
- Why do you think the owner called the servant “wicked” (falsehearted) and lazy? What heart issue might the owner have been addressing in the servant?
- What do you think it means that “even more” will be given to those who use the small amount well? In what ways do our ideas of “even more” complicate our expectation of what God has entrusted to us?
- Do you believe God has entrusted anything to you? Why or why not?
- Do you believe God intends what he has entrusted to you to be put to use? Why or why not?
- What next step will you take to put to use what God has entrusted to you?

### Right Things, Right Reasons