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2 Tim 2:13: If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

Matt 25:14-30: For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ "And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is* yours.' ²⁶ "But his lord answered and

said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Prov. 17:17: A friend loves at all times.

Small Group Interaction:

1. God wants us to be faithful like He is. In your own words, describe God's faithfulness.
2. The lesson cites four truths we can learn from the parable of the talents: 1) God gives everyone different gifts, 2) more responsibility is good, 3) people who are lazy with God's talents are punished, and 4) only people who invest get a return. What truth do you glean from this parable?
3. How can we demonstrate the fruit of faithfulness in our personal relationships?
4. How can we demonstrate the fruit of faithfulness toward God?