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LIFEGROUP Homework

For the week of: October 2, 2016

Speaker: Linn Winters: *"It Doesn't Matter Where You Start"*

MY STORY

1. As a child, what were some of the things that you said to your parents: (ie. That's not fair?)
2. If you could choose one resource (time, money, wisdom, etc.) and have an unlimited amount, what resource would you want more of? Why?
3. Of all our senses, smell seems to be the one that is best at bringing back memories. Our sense of smell has the ability to instantaneously trigger memories of events, places or people from our past. Can you think of one or two smells that trigger good memories of your childhood?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read Matthew 25:14-15. How do you think the servants felt as they received their bags of gold?

Was it fair for the master to give different amounts of gold to his servants? Why? (Remember, it's not about fair it's about what I do with the hand God gave me.)
2. Read Matthew 25:16-17. If God has blessed you with great resources, how do you leverage that for His kingdom?

How could you better use what God has given you for Him?

3. Have you ever felt like you don't have anything to work with, that maybe God didn't give you enough to really make a difference?

Read Matthew 25:18. The man with only one bag of gold hid it and did nothing but bring his master an excuse. What are some areas of your life that you may not be giving God your best? Benjamin Franklin once said: "He who is good at making excuses is seldom good at anything else."

4. Read Matthew 25:19-29. How do you think the servants felt when they were recognized by their master? Was His payment for their work fair?
5. How did the story of the boy with no legs impact you?

TAKING IT HOME

1. What is one thing that you may lack in life that has become an excuse for not serving Jesus?

How can you start trusting Jesus this week in this area for His kingdom?

Prayer Requests:

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