



CHURCH OF THE

Good Shepherd

## Sermon Discussion Questions: September 7, 2025

### Sermon Series: Kingdom Stories

#### Passage: Matthew 25:14-30

1. Jesus' parable reminds us that every Christian is entrusted with gifts—time, talents, resources—for the sake of his Kingdom. What do you see as some of the “talents” God has entrusted to you? How are you currently using them—or how might you begin to use them more intentionally?
2. The sermon emphasized that faithfulness, not spectacular results, is what the Master looks for. Why do you think we so often measure ourselves (and others) by productivity, success, or recognition? How does the gospel free us from that pressure?
3. Simon contrasted godly ambition with selfish ambition. How would you define the difference? What does godly ambition look like in your own season of life?
4. The story of Tolkien's *Leaf by Niggle* highlighted that even seemingly small or unfinished acts of faithfulness are not wasted in God's economy. How does this truth encourage you when your work or service feels hidden or insignificant?
5. At the end of the sermon, you were invited to consider: “What do you want to be carrying in your arms when you walk into the new heavens and new earth?” How would you begin to answer that question today? What might change in your life if you lived with that vision in mind?