

Sermon Study Guide – November 19th, 2023

"The Time Between... A Time to Get Busy Living"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ How busy is your life? What kinds of things do you keep yourself busy with? What would make your life less busy?
- ◆ What does God want us to busy ourselves with in this "time between" Jesus first and second coming? Do you let the busyness of this world crowd out what God wants?

2) Today's Message: Matthew 25:14-30 (see bulletin for full text)

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' ²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ²⁸ "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

3) What does God want you to hear today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



How does today's sermon change how you want to live your life?

Answer the following questions if it helps you follow the sermon...

1. Throughout our sermon, explain what it means for us to...

⇒ *Get Busy Living*

⇒ *Get Busy Dying*

2. What do the different parts of the parable stand for?

⇒ *The master leaving*

⇒ *The talents/bags of gold*

⇒ *The master returning*

⇒ *The final servant burying the talent*

3. How does this parable demonstrate God's grace and love?

4. How does this parable show that all Christians have something to give?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Ge. 25:19-34, Ro. 12:1-8 **Thursday:** Ephesians 5:21-6:20

Tuesday: Luke 19:11-27

Friday: 1 Corinthians 12 & 13

Wednesday: Ephesians 4-5:20

Saturday: *review* Matthew 25:14-30