



1. Represent _____ (vv.11-14)

Luke 19:11 As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

12 He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return.

13 Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' **14** But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.'

15 When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. **16** The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' **17** And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.'

18 And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' **19** And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.'

20 Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; **21** for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' **22** He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow?

23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' **24** And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' **25** And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!'

26 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. **27** But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.' " (ESV)

2. Don't _____ (vv.20-27)

3. Aim _____ (vv.15-19)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Luke 10:1-3** and **John 16:33**. What are some of the misconceptions Christians often have about living the Christian life in our non-Christian world? How can we rightly understand Christ's forecast for the present age without becoming overwhelmed by anxiety and fear?
2. Read **Matthew 5:13-16**. What are some of the temptations you face in your weekly life to "sit down and shut up" about the truth of Christ, and what are some of the ways you know Christ would have you diplomatically and effectively "stand up and speak out" about his kingdom?
3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:17-20**. Why is imploring people to be reconciled to God so much more costly for us than simply working hard to live distinctively Christian?
4. Read **1 Thessalonians 2:1-4**. Why is that last line in v.4 so important for us to keep in mind? How does God's current knowledge and future evaluation of your motives impact your decisions as Christ's ambassador?
5. Read **2 Corinthians 2:14-17**. How can you maintain a more optimistic view of this weekend's topic, which often generates so much trepidation for Christians?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 12th

Ezk. 1-3 & Heb. 9

November 13th

Ezk. 4-6 & Heb. 10:1-23

November 14th

Ezk. 7-9 & Heb. 10:24-39

November 15th

Ezk. 10-12 & Heb. 11:1-19

November 16th

Ezk. 13-15 & Heb. 11:20-40

November 17th

Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12

November 18th

Ezk. 17-19 & Heb. 13

November 19th

Ezk. 20-21 & Jms. 1

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 14-16 – **Teaming Up to Prepare Our Generation**

Msg. 05-63 – **Ashamed? Getting Over Our Feelings to Share the Good News**

Msg. 08-17 – **Gospel Crazy: Sold Out for Its Advancement**

Msg. 08-06 – **Ambassadors: Building Bridges for God's Kingdom**

Msg. 07-05 – **Motivated by Christ's Rewards at His Return**

Msg. 12-09 – **Eyes for the Harvest**

Msg. 13-15 – 13-20 **Presenting Christ** (a five-part series)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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