**“Serving Jesus ‘til He Returns”**

**(Luke 19:11-27)**

**When a great hope and expectation is not realized, it can be heartbreaking.  The followers of Jesus were expecting Him to set**

**up His kingdom, but they were about to see Him crucified. Jesus prepares them for this reality, and instructs them to faithfully**

**serve while he is away by sharing with them…**

1. **The Lord’s Announcement (11-14)**
* **Reason for the Announcement (11-12)**
* **Recipients of the Announcement (13)**
* **Resistance to the Announcement (14)**

 **II. The Lord’s Arrival  (15a)**

**III. The Lord’s Accounting (15b-27)**

* **Faithful Servants (16-19)**
* **Fearful Servant (20-26)**
* **Foes – Unbelievers (27)**

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**Small Group Discussion Guide**

**1. Share something from Sunday’s sermon that was the most**

 **interesting or challenging to you, or that raised a question.**

**2. What are the 3 different types of people in this parable that must**

 **give an account?  What are some of the positive qualities of the**

 **faithful servants?  What are some of the negative qualities of the**

 **unfaithful servant?**

**3. Why does 1 servant get oversight of 10 cities while the other gets**

 **only 5?  Is this fair?  Why does the servant with only 1 pound lose**

 **his pound to the servant who already has 10 pounds?  Is this fair?**

 **What does this teach us about God and his expectations?**

**4. What do you think the pound (mina) represents in our lives? What**

 **has God entrusted to our care that He wants us to utilize and**

 **expand for Him?**

**5. Luke 9:24 and 27 speak of people who “hated” the nobleman and**

 **were called his enemies?  Who are the enemies of Jesus today?**

 **What should our attitude be toward them?**

**Digging Deeper:**

**1. Read and jot down your observations on 2 other passages in Luke**

 **that deal with stewardship – Luke 12:35-48 and Luke 16:1-13.**

**2. Compare and contrast the parable of the pounds (Luke 19) with the**

 **parable of the talents (Mat.25:14-30).  How are they similar?  How**

 **are they different?**

**3. How will future rewards be gained or lost according to the**

 **following texts:**

 **1 Corinthians 3:11-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9-11; 2 John 8;**

 **Revelation 22:12; Matthew 25:41-46**