

SERMON QUESTIONS: Bigger Things

Matthew 25:19-30

1. Pastor Mark tells the story of his desire to get a nicer, newer car when he was a teenager. Mark's father pointed out that he wasn't ready for a nicer car until he learned to take good care of the car he had. Can you recall a time in your life where you wanted privileges that you probably weren't ready for?
2. Can you recall a time when you were given a responsibility or opportunity that you failed to handle well?
3. What are some "little things" that we can be faithful in right now, that will help us develop the character and discipline necessary to handle bigger things?
4. Pastor Mark suggests that sometimes our desires for bigger things run ahead of our ability to handle them. Do you think that is true? Why or why not?
5. We often talk about faith, which raises the question, "Do I trust in God?" Pastor Mark suggests we also focus on our faithfulness, which raises the question, "Can God trust in me?" Can you think of an area where you need to be more faithful with something God has entrusted to you?
6. What do you think of the idea that life on this earth is a testing ground for developing the character and discipline necessary to handle greater responsibilities in heaven?
7. Read Luke 16:10-13. The Bible talks about wise financial management. Why do you think Jesus puts so much emphasis on faithfulness in the area of money and possessions?
8. Read Matthew 25:19-30. How do you feel about the way the Master treated the third servant who had not done much with what had been entrusted to him? How does this story make you feel about God?
9. Pastor Mark points out that we are not saved by our works, but our works impact the quality of our life in heaven. This is why Jesus put so much emphasis on rewards. What do you think about the idea of being rewarded in heaven for our faithfulness on earth?

10. Name one area of resources your life where you are going to begin working toward greater faithfulness? (Time, money, health, relationships, soul, job, intellect, possessions, etc).