



## The Bags of Gold AKA The Servant Who Did Nothing

- Icebreaker Question - What is the best money making scheme you've ever come up with?

*Read Matthew 25:14-30*

- What can you remember about the context of this story? (See Matthew 24:1-3, 36, 42 & 45)
- Who does the man going on a long journey represent? What do we learn about him from this story?
- Why do you think the man distributes his wealth unequally? What does this mean for us? How can we discover what responsibly we have been given?
- What do we learn from the response of the first two servants? How does Romans 12:6-8 help in our understanding? Can you think of any other bible verses that talk about our attitude towards serving?
- What do we learn from the masters response to the first two servants (verse 21&23)? What does he praise them for? What does this teach us about Jesus expectation of his followers?
- What do you make of 3<sup>rd</sup> servants comments about his master? (verse 24)
- Can you see any similarities between the masters rebuke of the 3<sup>rd</sup> servant and Jesus rebuke of the religious leaders in chapter 23 (particularly verses 2-4)?
- Why do the actions of the servants matter so much in this story? (See James 2:14-17)
- What should we, as followers of Jesus take away from this story?

The three questions for personal reflection asked by Dan on Sunday were:

- What is our perspective?
- What responsibly has God given you?
- What do your actions say about your faith?

Did you find any of those questions challenging? Share with the group if you feel able.