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19:11-15 *The Kingdom is coming.* Jesus and the disciples are heading toward Jerusalem where Christ's Kingship will be on full display, but second, the disciples had a very different idea of kingship, and Christ intends to correct that. The parable is ultimately about what Christ is doing in our world and how disciples are to act until Jesus returns.

19:16-21 *We have work to do while we wait.* Three of the servants are highlighted. First: faithfulness is the goal, not simply productivity. Second: faithfulness with Christ's things is not only the mission, but also leads to a reward. Third: the third servant decided to not obey the master's orders.

19:22-27 *Just as there is a reward for faithfulness, there is a judgment for unfaithfulness.* The two faithful servants were rewarded, but the unfaithful servant lost even what he had. This connects with the folks who wouldn't submit to the king's rule: they will – rightly and justly – be judged.

Context: Christ's words to Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:1-10**) show him to be a genuine disciple because he acted on his belief in Christ – and this parable hammers home that point.

Aim: Every person who calls Jesus Lord must live accordingly. Disciples of Jesus have work to do until His return.

Gospel: Christ provides all we need to do His work faithfully. We can be faithful because of what He has supplied to us.

Applications: Are you in danger of being passive in your faith? What do you need to do this very week to grow in Christ? Who do you need to help grow in faithfulness?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
