

# **CIBC Sermon-Based Discussion Guide**

This guide is designed to help guide life group discussions of this week's sermon at Cayman Islands Baptist Church. For more information on life groups and other discipleship opportunities at CIBC, please visit www.cibaptist.ky.



### <u>Get the Picture</u>

Title: "Living in the light of eternity"
-Series/Text: We Work/He Works Wonders (Matt. 25:14-30)
-Date: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021
-Speaker: Pastor Steve

-Main Idea: God does extraordinary things through ordinary believers.

### <u>Group Discussion</u>

#### a) Connect

- 1) **Commit:** Before you begin, agree as a group that you will commit to having an honest discussion about this text without casting any judgment or sharing any unsolicited advice.
- 2) Read: Read Psalm 139:23-24 out loud before you pray to begin the discussion.
- **3) Pray:** Pray over the group and ask the Lord to *"Search your heart"* and reveal idols that are keeping you from receiving truth.

#### b) Engage

- 1) Read: Read Matthew 25 and analyze the 3 major parables in this chapter.
- 2) Discuss: How do we work for the Lord while waiting patiently for his return?
- **3) Discuss:** What emotions come to mind when you think of God as owning you? How might we need to rethink our thoughts in light of this truth?
- 4) **Discuss:** What talents do you have that God has entrusted to you? Why is it good to see them as entrusted to us and not our own?
- 5) Discuss: What does it look like for you to be responsible with your talents?
- 6) **Discuss:** Would it be right to say from this text that true believers use what God entrusts to them? Explain?
- 7) **Discuss**: How might you go about finding out what your talents are?

#### c) <u>Apply</u>

1) **Consider:** Have you ever taken a spiritual gifts test? Have you ever taken a spiritual learning test? What did these reveal about what God is doing in your life?

#### d) <u>Pray</u>

- 1) Silent Prayer: Enter into a time of silence to allow God to speak to you in response to everything you discussed today. Listen for areas where He may be telling you He wants you to step out in obedience.
- 2) Group Prayer: After a time of silence, close out the study with a group prayer for God's help to use what he has given you for the glory of God and the good of others.

## Going Deeper

1) How can you use the talents God has given you to grow personally in the likeness of Christ, minister to your family, bless your church and witness to the lost?