## **CLARITY** discussion guide *Sunday, February 23, 2020* **Epiphany:** Jesus is Coming Luke 19:11-27





#### BELONG

Think of a time in your life where someone invested in you. It might be in your education, or your spiritual development. Maybe someone took a chance on you in your work. What did that investment mean to you? What was the result of that person's investment in you?

#### GROW

#### Read Luke 19:11-27.

As a group, write down each character in the parable. What happens to those characters? Who do each of the characters represent?

Why did the nobleman leave and then return (vv. 12-13)? Why do you think some of his subjects didn't want him to rule over them (v. 14)? What eventually happened to his opponents (v. 27)?

What is the faulty perception of the nobleman that the third servant has (vv. 20-21)? What is the result of his misunderstanding?

How are you investing spiritually in the lives of others?

What are some specific gifts or opportunities God has given you? Are you using those to benefit God's Kingdom or keeping them to yourself? How can you start today or who can you talk to about finding a way to use your gifts?

How have you seen someone use their gifts for the benefit of others? What obstacles (fear, selfishness, not feeling qualified, etc.) are hindering your ability to invest in God's Kingdom? What steps can you take today to overcome them? How does this passage help you see Jesus more clearly?

**Preparing for Lent:** Take some time as a group to discuss the introduction to Lent found on page 51 of the Clarity book and the section on fasting on page 55. How can your group engage the spiritual practice of fasting during Lent?

### **Connect DAILY**

Sunday	Luke 19:11-27
Monday	Matthew 21:28-22:14; Psalm 38:16-22; Proverbs 6:14-16
Tuesday	Matthew 22:15-46; Psalm 39; Proverbs 6:17-19
Wednesday	Matthew 23:1-39; Psalm 40:1-7; Proverbs 6:20-23
Thursday	Matthew 24:1-14; Psalm 40:8-17; Proverbs 6:24-27
Friday	Matthew 24:15-35; Psalm 41:1-5; Proverbs 6:28-30
Saturday	Matthew 24:36-25:13; Psalm 41:6-13; Proverbs 6:31-33

## **Faith in Action**

Faith in Action meets the needs of clients who have experienced a medical event at Washington Regional rendering them in need of some sort of assistance. Some needs are short term during a recovery process and others are longer-term, ongoing needs as a result of a life changing condition. Fellowship Fayetteville has served a handful of their clients on a longer-term basis and there are always others who could use ongoing engagement from a group or groups. Click here to be paired with a client in need for a one time or ongoing service opportunity, or e-mail Linda for more information.

# pray

Pray for global worker, Lauren, that God will grant spiritual interest to her friends, and God will draw them close to Him.