



# Resenting God: Quitting Life

Week of January 31, 2016

These discussion questions can be used the week following the message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your Connect Group discussions.

## Message

### Matthew 25:14-30

God wants us to be happy with what we've got. And not only that, but he wants us to give all we have for him not worried about whether it's enough, but trusting that God gave us exactly what we need. We can't compare our talents to one another. God gave us each a unique set of blessings, and he expects us to use them fully to bring praise and honor to him and to reach a world in need. God is infinitely good and endlessly generous. He does not favor some more than others. We are just temporary stewards of the gifts he's given us. The question is what are we going to do with those gifts? One day God he will ask us to account for how we used our talents. He will want to know if we brought glory to him, or only to ourselves. He will tell us that he had a unique purpose for us and that he gave us exactly what we needed to fulfill that purpose. He will not compare us to others then, nor should we now. Don't be resentful! Believe and trust in a good God who gave us what we need. Understand your gift and let it shine!

### Pray

Lord, Help us to be confident in the talents that you have given us, and guide us to where we can best utilize them for your kingdom. Don't let us stray down the path of resentment over what we don't have, but instead keep us focused on the amazing things you want us to do for you.

## Getting Started

- What is a talent or skill that you always wished you'd either had or been better at?
- What talents have you had in your life that you are proud of? What was your best accomplishment?

## Listening Deeply

1. When was a specific time when you failed at something that you were trying really hard at? Why do you think you failed?
2. Looking back at your talents, do you think your accomplishments brought glory to you, or to God?
3. If the answer was to you, then how do you think you could use those talents to further the Kingdom instead? If you're already using a talent for God, how could you do more?
4. Are you satisfied with the talents that you've been given? Do you have any resentment about something that you might not be very good at?
5. If we are honest, many of us resent what God hasn't given us more than we resent what he has given us. How have you misinterpreted God's heart in your life? Is it hardening your own heart?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. What does this verse mean to you?
7. Share some ways that you think you could pool your gift with gifts of other members of the group to make an even bigger impact for the kingdom.

## Living Wide in Jesus

Jesus wants us to be happy with what we have and to use our talents to help others find hope in Jesus. He wants us to approach the throne of God one day knowing that we gave every ounce that we had to make use of the gifts God gave us. He wants us to be proud of our accomplishments, not so that it brings us glory, but that we know that we did our best and gave it all for the good of all mankind. Let go of any resentment you might have and live wide in Jesus!

- Accept your gifting (and repent of resentment)
- Invest your best (and excel for God's glory)
- Expect your reward (and live in joy)

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