

Investing in Your Future

Broadway Life Group Discussion Guide

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Invite One – What is an upcoming event or class or day to which you can invite one who is not a member of the church?

Open – Finish this sentence any way you choose: One of the best investments I ever made was...

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1. What do you think is to be learned from the fact that the cant has no commander, overseer, or ruler? (Prov. 6:7).
2. What is the ant doing in verse 8 that bodes well for its future.
3. What is it, according to verses 9-11, that might lead one to poverty?
4. According to Matthew 25:20-21, what was it that earned the first servant the praise of his master?
5. In Matthew 25:24-25 the one talent man reported what he had done. Name some differences between his behavior and the idea of investing.
6. What did the master say that the one talent man should have done?

Reflect – Remember: Investing is putting something in with hopes of getting some kind of a good return later.

1. With limited amounts of time, money, and energy, how do you determine where you need to invest it? Explain.
2. Talk about an area in which you are investing a great deal and talk about how you feel about your investment.
3. Which of the following things do you feel most competent at and why? The investment of money? The investment of time? The investment of attention?
4. Talk about an actual way in which you are investing in your family right now. How do you feel about your investment?
5. Talk about an actual way in which you are investing in your education right now. How do you feel about your investment?
6. Talk about an actual way in which you are investing your finances right now. How do you feel about your investment?
7. Talk about an actual way in which you are investing in your career right now. How do you feel about your investment?
8. Describe one or more ways in which you are investing in the bank of heaven.

9. Do you feel that investing is always strategic and purposeful? Why or why not?

Proverbs 6:6-11

6 Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

7 It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,

8 yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.

9 How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep?

10 A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest —

11 and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.

Matt 25:19-27

19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

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