St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2026! Leading to Worship Sunday October 25, 2026

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we are reminded that God has given us gifts to use, and the confidence to use them! Click here: Week 46 Video Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- In this parable in Matthew 25, Jesus tells us of a man going on a journey. He entrusts servants with his property. To one servant he gives five "talents," to one he gives two, and to one he gives one, "each according to his ability." (Matthew 25:15)
- The servant with five talents traded with them and made five more. The servant with two talents also traded with the two, and made two more. The servant with one talent, however, buried his talent – afraid of the master as a hard man.
- When the master returned, the first and second servants were praised and rewarded for having used the money entrusted to them to make more. The third servant was cast out as worthless, and his only talent was given to the one who now had ten.

Two Questions

- If we focus only on the end, and we lose sight of the fact that the money – the "talents" – is only a part of the allegory, doesn't this parable seem harsh? But what is God asking us to do with our gifts? If we see and receive God's love, but "bury it in the ground," are we making the most of God's love to us?
- Imagine all of the barriers we experience keeping us from sharing God's love, and gifts. Can you imagine being the second servant, wondering why you were not entrusted with still more? Or the third servant, too paralyzed with fear to risk showing God's love and grace? What if you were the first servant, would you feel the pressure of having been given the most? Know that God is with you in every role, to help and guide!

Action Step

- Helping others can be risky, work! But be brave! God is with you and wants you to share and grow his love!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!