

# Tales of the UNEXPECTED

## 1. Faithfulness, Unexpected | Discussion Notes

Read Matthew 25:14-30 together and then watch the Summary Video.

- What God wants from us is faithfulness, not simply belief or good behaviour. Does the idea that following Jesus comes with a certain amount of responsibility disturb you or energise you? Have you ever thought of yourself before as a trusted servant that God expects something of?
- Jesus' tale tells us that it's not just us that believe in God, but God that believes in us. He's chosen us and trusted us with treasures. How does that make you feel?
- Faithful means multiplication, not maintenance but many churches have the idea that all we're supposed to do is to preserve what we've got. They play it safe, not taking risks. Have you experienced churches like that? What does it result in?
- Philip said that what is most valuable to God is people. What are some of the 'gold bags' that God has trusted you with? (Work place, relationships, friendship group, flatmates, family, colleagues, course mates etc.) Name them.
- What would it look like to invest faith, prayer and love in to those situations? What opportunities do you have and what risks could you take?
- What would it look like for us as a Hub to be faithful servants that produce growth and return on this group God has given us?

BIG IDEA: Faithful looks like doing what we can, to multiply what we've been given, no matter how small.

Take some time to pray together about the things that have been shared. Pray for the people and situations that God has trusted us with. Pray for each other, for boldness and confidence to take some risks and make investments for the Kingdom.

Get really practical about next steps - do some of you need to start mentoring someone, or do you need mentoring yourself so you grow? Is there a challenge to start praying more consistently for unchurched friends to find faith? Can we start to plan an invitation to the Christmas Party (Dec 8th, [woodlandsmetro.church/party](http://woodlandsmetro.church/party)) and/or Metro Carols (Dec 11th)?