



THE KING'S MANDATE

Group Discussion Guide

KEY PASSAGE

Luke 19:13 (NKJV)

"And he called his ten servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Occupy till I come.'"

Luke 19:11-26 (The Parable of the Minas)

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURES

- **Genesis 1:28** - "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."
- **Matthew 25:14-30** - The Parable of the Talents
- **2 Samuel 11:1** - "At the time when kings go off to war... David remained in Jerusalem."
- **John 11:44** - Lazarus and the burial cloth.
- **John 20:7** - The burial cloth left behind at Jesus' resurrection.

SERMON SUMMARY

The King's Mandate began in Genesis when God instructed humanity to be fruitful, multiply, fill the earth, and steward His creation. God's desire has always been for His nature, glory, and Kingdom to spread throughout the earth through His people.

Jesus reinforces this truth in the Parable of the Minas (Luke 19). He tells the story of a nobleman who leaves to receive a kingdom and later returns. The nobleman represents Christ, who has ascended to heaven and will one day return.

Before leaving, the nobleman entrusts each servant with a mina and gives a simple instruction: **"Occupy till I come."**

This means more than waiting. It means actively representing the King, conducting His business, and advancing His interests until He returns.

Every servant received a mina. This highlights that every believer has been entrusted with something valuable. While our gifts, abilities, and opportunities may differ, our commission remains the same.

When the King returned, two servants had faithfully multiplied what they had been given. They recognised that everything belonged to the King and were rewarded with greater responsibility. The third servant, however, did nothing with what he had received. He neither lost nor multiplied it. Instead, he wrapped it in a cloth and hid it.

Jesus identifies this servant's problem as more than inactivity. His passivity revealed a misunderstanding of the King's character. Because he viewed the King as harsh, he acted out of fear rather than faith.

The parable teaches that God's gifts are never intended to be buried, preserved, or ignored. They are given to produce life, growth, and Kingdom impact.

The King's mandate remains unchanged:

- Be fruitful.
- Multiply.
- Fill the earth.
- Occupy until He comes.

KEY TEACHING POINTS

1. God's Kingdom Is Designed for Multiplication

From Genesis onward, God's purpose has been that His life and influence spread throughout the earth.

Jesus demonstrated multiplication everywhere He went through healing, discipleship, provision, and transformed lives.

Scripture - Genesis 1:28

Key Thought: God's Kingdom is always moving toward growth, fruitfulness, and multiplication.

2. Every Believer Has Been Entrusted with Something

In the Parable of the Minas, each servant received a mina.

Every believer has been entrusted with:

- The Gospel
- The Holy Spirit
- Opportunities to serve
- Influence
- Responsibility

Scripture - Luke 19:13

Key Thought: Our gifts may differ, but our purpose does not.

3. "Occupy Until I Come"

Jesus calls His people to actively participate in His mission while awaiting His return.

To occupy means:

- Represent the King
- Conduct His business
- Advance His interests
- Use what He has entrusted to us

Scripture - Luke 19:13

Key Thought: We are called to faithful participation, not passive waiting.

4. Faithfulness Leads to Greater Responsibility

The faithful servants multiplied what they had been given and returned it to the King.

They understood that everything belonged to Him.

Scripture - Luke 19:16-19

Key Thought: Faithfulness comes before promotion.

5. Spiritual Passivity Is Dangerous

The third servant's failure was not open rebellion.

His failure was doing nothing.

Fear, comfort, insecurity, and complacency can all prevent us from participating in God's purposes.

Scriptures - Luke 19:20-23, 2 Samuel 11:1

Key Thought: Passivity is never neutral. If God's purposes are neglected, something else eventually takes their place.

6. Our View of God Shapes Our Actions

The servant acted according to what he believed about the King.
His fear led to inactivity.

Scripture - Luke 19:21-22

Key Thought:

- Belief shapes attitude.
- Attitude shapes action.
- Action produces fruit.

A correct understanding of God's character leads to confidence, trust, and fruitfulness.

7. Growth Happens in Community

The King asked why the servant had not at least put the money in the bank.
The principle is that Kingdom growth often happens through participation with others.

Scripture - Luke 19:23

Key Thought: Isolation rarely produces increase. Growth flourishes in fellowship and shared mission.

8. God Desires Fruitfulness

The King's expectation was that what he entrusted would produce life.
God has not called His people to simply preserve what they have received.
He calls us to invest it.

Scripture - Luke 19:23-26

Key Thought: The Kingdom was never meant to be buried. It was designed to multiply.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Observation

1. What stands out most to you from the Parable of the Minas?
2. Why do you think Jesus told this story?
3. What does "Occupy till I come" mean to you?
4. What differences do you see between the faithful servants and the third servant?

Reflection

1. What are some things God has entrusted to you?
2. Which servant do you most identify with and why?
3. What fears can stop people from stepping into God's purposes?
4. Are there areas where you have become spiritually passive?

Understanding God's Character

1. How does your view of God affect the way you live?
2. Why is it important to understand God's goodness?
3. How can fear distort our response to God?

Application

1. What does it look like to represent Jesus in everyday life?
2. How can you use your gifts and opportunities to serve God's Kingdom?
3. Why is community important for growth and fruitfulness?
4. What is one practical step you can take this week to "occupy until He comes"?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Spend time praying:

"Lord, what have You entrusted to me, and how can I use it for Your Kingdom this week?"

- Write down one area of responsibility, gifting, or opportunity God has given you.
- Then take one practical action this week that puts it into use.

CLOSING SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:28 - "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it."

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Final Thought

The King has entrusted each of us with His life, His message, and His mission. We are not called to bury what we have received but to invest it faithfully, allowing His Kingdom to multiply through us until He returns. May we be found faithfully engaged in the King's business and hear the words: **"Well done, good servant!"** (Luke 19:17)