Small Group Questions: Week of November 8, 2026
Ready: Found Faithful (Matthew 25:14–30)

Getting Started

1. What stood out to you most from this week's Parable of the Talents? What has been one of the biggest takeaways for you from our *Ready* series so far?

The Parable of the Talents — Matthew 25:14–30

Read Matthew 25:14–30 together.

2. Retell the story together, including as many details as you can remember. What details stand out to you, and why?
3. The master entrusted each servant with a different amount. What determined how much each servant received? What can we learn from this about the way God entrusts different people with different gifts, abilities, and opportunities?
4. Can you think of examples from the Old Testament of people who were faithful with what they had before God entrusted them with more? Share some of those stories. What do they teach us about faithfulness?
5. At first glance, does this parable seem unfair? Why might someone think it is unfair? What do you think Jesus wants us to understand about the master's decisions?
6. The third servant had a very different view of his master than the first two. What do you notice about his words and actions? Why is the way we view God so important to the way we live? What are some false or distorted beliefs about God that can lead us to live unfaithfully?
7. We often think about this parable in terms of individual responsibility, but could it also apply to local churches? What are some things God entrusts to a church—such as people, resources, gifts, opportunities, and influence? What might faithfulness look like for a church?

The Body of Christ — 1 Corinthians 12:12–31

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12–31 together.

8. What connections do you see between Paul's description of the body of Christ and Jesus' Parable of the Talents? How do these passages complement one another?
9. Why do you think Paul uses the illustration of a human body to describe the church? What happens when one part of the body doesn't fulfill its role or use what it has been given?
10. Both passages challenge us not to compare ourselves with others. Why is comparison so dangerous to our faith and to the health of a church community? How have you seen comparison negatively affect relationships, communities, or even your own walk with God?
11. What different gifts and roles do you see described in 1 Corinthians 12? What are some examples of these gifts at work in the church today?
12. How do these verses change or deepen the way you see yourself and your role in the family of God? How might our church be different if everyone embraced the unique part God has entrusted to them?

Putting It Into Practice

13. As you reflect on these two passages, what is one gift, opportunity, responsibility, or resource God has entrusted to you that you want to be more intentional about using faithfully?