GOSPEL THEMES FOR NEXT WEEK

IN PREPARATION FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2026: THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Theme: What will you do with what you have been given?

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy."
—Matthew 25:14–30 (Verse 23)

ADULTS

1. The servant with one talent was afraid. Are there fears that keep you from fully using what God has given you? Do you compare your gifts with those of other people? How can comparison prevent you from appreciating and using your own gifts?
2. Are there gifts or opportunities that you have neglected because you were waiting for the "right" time? What does this Gospel teach us about responsibility and accountability before God?
3. What is one gift that God has entrusted to you that He may be asking you to stop burying and start using more generously?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Fear of failure, insecurity, comparison, complacency.

TEENS

1. The servants received different amounts, but the two faithful servants received the same praise. What does this reveal about how God measures faithfulness? How does comparing yourself to others distract you from what you've been given?
2. The third servant let fear determine his response. When has fear of getting something wrong or messing up kept you from doing something good? What would trusting God look like in that situation? Why might simply avoiding wrongdoing fall short of living the Gospel? What good might we leave undone by always choosing what feels easiest?
3. Some gifts receive applause; others quietly change someone's life. What gift might you overlook in yourself because it doesn't seem impressive? How could that gift meet a real need around you? What is the difference between using your gifts to prove your worth and using them out of gratitude for what you've received? What is one thing you could stop "burying" this week, and how could you use it to serve someone else?

Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Comparing ourselves to others and worry about failing, disappointing someone, or making a mistake. It can feel easier to hold back than to try.

KIDS

1. Why do you think God gave people different gifts or talents? What gift has God given you? To whom do your talents belong to? What do you think you should do with your talents? What ways can you use your talents to show your love for God?
2. What happens if we do not use our gifts?
3. What happens when we do use our gifts?



Obstacles to living out the Gospel: Not using the talents God has given us, thinking our talents are ours to use however we want to and not realizing we should use our talents to make the world a better place.