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Luke 19:11/ Matthew 25:14-19/ 2 Peter 3:8-12

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*What has God **entrusted me with**?*

Luke 19:13/ James 1:17/ Matthew 25:14-30

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Food for Thought

For the week of September 11, 2011

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

1. This weekend, we were reminded that the salvation we receive is based on God's work through his son Jesus, while the rewards we will be given are the result of putting the gifts and resources God has granted us into action. How do the following verses motivate you and reinforce the idea that what you do really matters?

Galatians 6:7-10

1 Corinthians 15:58

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Hebrews 6:10-12

2. One of the questions that people often ask is "How can I make a difference?" Obviously, serving others in meaningful and relevant ways impacts them and represents Christ's love to them. Yet, our attitude while we serve is just as important as the action of serving. What do the following verses tell you about the actions and attitudes we need to effectively serve others?

2 Peter 1:5-9

Galatians 6:3-9

1 Corinthians 13:3, 13

3. In the closing point this weekend, we were asked to "check our scoreboard" to see how we're investing what God has given us to advance the kingdom. Take a few minutes and jot down all you can think of in regards to what God has given you in who you are as person and the resources you have. Then, go back and ask how are you using each one to advance the kingdom? What's going well? Are there any changes you need to make?