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*"Parable of the Talents" Matthew 25.14-19; 29*

*October 20, 2019 – Bishop Bob Hayes*

### Gather

- Take a moment to check in with everyone's heart. Since your last meeting, where have you seen God this past week? Specifically, in your own story, or in someone else's?

### Plant

- Last Sunday, Bishop Bob Hayes spoke on the Parable of the Talents found in Matthew 25. Before we go deeper into the Word, answer this question. What are talents that you observe in others that you admire, and, what are talents you see in others that you wish you had for yourself?
- Bishop Hayes shared the following in last week's message: "God has given unique abilities to each and every one of us- no one has been left out! And that, my brothers and sisters, is simply God being God, for He is an equal opportunity lender!"

### Grow

- Someone read Matthew 25:14-30.
- What's your observation of the master in the story? Choose one: a) too harsh, b) he was not hard enough on the servant, c) his reaction was justified, d) I'm glad I didn't work for him
- How would you have felt if you were the servant who only received one talent? Why do you believe he hid it? What was the reasoning behind that choice?
- Why was the master so hard on the servant who hid his talent?
- What's your reaction to this story? What is Jesus teaching us in this story?

### Harvest

- In Sunday's message, Bishop Hayes spoke to the danger of having a, "I'm just a one talent servant" mentality. Bishop Hayes used the examples of the band instruments on stage and how each instrument has a variety of keys, strings, and parts that, when played together, makes a beautiful song. However, take one piano key off, remove one guitar string, and there's a noticeable difference in the sound.
- How are you encouraged this week to use your talent for God's Kingdom? Author and writer M. Williamson wrote, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, to be talented... actually, who are you NOT to be. You are a child of God. Your playing small doesn't serve the world."

Close sharing prayer concerns with one another.