

All around us we see Christians and churches relaxing their grasp on the gospel, fumbling it, and in danger of letting it drop from their hands altogether.

John Stott

The gospel is only good news if it gets there in time.

Carl F.H. Henry

The nature of Christ's salvation is woefully misrepresented by the present-day evangelist. He announces a Savior from hell rather than a Savior from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness.

A.W. Pink

If one's greatest problem is loneliness, the good news is that Jesus is a reliable friend. If the big problem is anxiety, Jesus will calm us down. Jesus is the glue that holds our marriages and families together, gives us purpose for us to strive toward, wisdom for daily life. And there are half-truths in all of these pleas, but they never really bring hearers face to face with their real problem: that they stand naked and ashamed before a holy God and can only be acceptably clothed in His presence by being clothed, head to toe, in Christ's righteousness.

Michael Horton

The faithful person is one who is dependable, trustworthy, and loyal, who can be depended upon in all of his relationships, and who is absolutely honest and ethical in all of his affairs . . . God wants us to be dependable even when it costs us. This is what distinguishes godly faithfulness from the ordinary dependability of secular society.

Jerry Bridges

The world defines success in terms of what a person possesses, controls, or accomplishes. God defines success in terms of faithful obedience to His will.

Ken Sande

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The Nobleman and the Servants

The Nobleman and the Citizens

The Return of the King

The Assessment of the Servants

The Judgment of the Citizens

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Kids Notes

Kingdom Stewardship

The Questions

Answer the following questions. The answers are on the back.

1. *The Nobleman went away to:*

- A. receive a promotion from his boss.
- B. receive the right to rule a kingdom.
- C. Jesus.
- D. all of the above.

2. *In the story, the two kinds of servants were:*

- A. male and female.
- B. faithful and unfaithful.
- C. young and old.
- D. all of the above.

3. *Kingdom living is when:*

- A. My life is being shaped by the Gospel.
- B. My resources are being invested in the work of the Gospel.
- C. I am following Christ closely.
- D. all of the above

For Family Discussion: How do you as a family invest in the work of the Gospel?

Space to Doodle

Did You Hear It?

Mark the times you hear these key words:

KINGDOM _____	TOTAL: _____
SERVANT _____	_____
FAITHFUL _____	_____
JESUS _____	_____
GOSPEL _____	_____
JUDGMENT _____	_____

Word Search

Find the following words in the scramble below. Letters are sometimes used twice, and words may go around corners.

KINGDOM SERVANT FAITHFUL UNFAITHFUL JESUS GOSPEL SIN
 COMING CULMINATION JUDGMENT ASSESSMENT CITIZENS RULE
 NOBLEMAN REWARD MINA CITIES RULE PARTNER SHARE FAITH
 TRUST KNOWLEDGE GRACIOUS HEART LIPS RESOURCES LIFE

N J R W D H F J B T S S R V W F A
 N O Y E E R U A N B U E R G C P U
 A C I A S D A E I O G L R E F A Z
 N N R T G O M W I T E U B V F R D
 X T I M A S U C E F H F B Y A T B
 K Y E M S N A R I R I H N A I N L
 E N S E U R I L C W B T A X T E T
 T D S H G N M M Q E E I M S H R T
 C S G N I M O C L O S A E E F L R
 A S N E Z I T I C U G F L I U B U
 K N O W L E D G E O C N B T L U S
 K I N G D O M S S I N U O I O U T
 S H A R E L I P E L U R N C S L O
 S V E T C D E I G A C S X E C C Q
 V M O H O L F L Z Q G I J K H S Y