

UNION

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Groups | You Can't Have Their Greatness

Get Started

Ice breaker - What is the best gift you've ever received?

Start with

Matthew 25:14-19

¹⁴ "For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

Make it Personal

1. You have the key to greatness

- Gifting doesn't feel like a gift to the gifted. It comes natural.

- There's a unique ability that God has given you that you can do better than other people

Q— what comes natural to you?

Proverbs 18:16—"Giving a gift can open doors; it gives access to important people!"

- People never discover what their gift is because they are fixated on a gift that God didn't give you

Q— Recall a moment in your life where you encountered a struggle? In hindsight were you able to identify why you went through that struggle?

2. You must unearth your key.

- God has hidden the gifts

Proverbs 25:2 - "It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.

Q— Do you consider your job to be your ministry? How?

- How do you know your gifting?

A) What do people love to receive from me?

B) Will people pay you for it?

C) Do gifted people think you're gifted?

D) Where do you find favor?

E) What grabs your attention that you can't turn off?

3. Your key requires some assembly.

- gifting isn't just gifting... It's hard work.

- Luke 16:10—"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities."

- these overnight successes have YEARS of work behind them.

Q—What does it look like for you to be faithful in growing and developing God's gift in you?

Activity:

Give your groups 5 minutes to write down what they think their "personal genius" is.

Prayer Requests

- Ask your group members to share any prayer requests they have.
- Pray and close out your group.

Reminders

- Don't forget to take attendance!
- **Announcements:**
 - Baptism is on October 9th after each experience
 - Fast Track is on October 15th at 11am
 - Women's Night is on October 21st at 7pm at the BWI campus
 - Catalyst is on October 28th at 7pm at both, BWI & Columbia