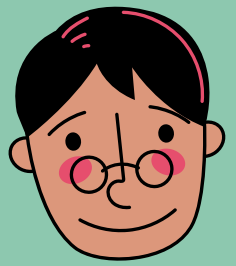
Reflection Question of the Week

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2026



What is one gift or talent God has given you, and how can you use it to help someone this week?

Children



What gifts or abilities has God given you, and what might it look like to use them courageously to make a difference in the world?

Teens



What is one gift each family member brings, and how can you work together this week to use those gifts to help someone in need?

Families



What gifts, opportunities, or resources has God placed in your care, and how might you be called to use them more generously in service to others?

Adults





Gospel Glossary

Entrusted: To be given something valuable to care for, manage, or use responsibly.

Settled accounts: To review and evaluate how something has been managed and to take responsibility for the results of one's actions.

Small matters: The little things or everyday tasks that may seem insignificant but reveal our character, faithfulness, and dependability.

Responsibilities: Duties, tasks, or obligations that we are expected to handle with care, commitment, and accountability.

Harvesting: Gathering or receiving the results of what has been planted, nurtured, and cultivated through effort and investment.

Scatter: To spread or distribute something in different directions.

Interest on my return: The additional gain or benefit earned from something that has been invested or entrusted to someone.

The Word of God

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and **entrusted** his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one--to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and **settled accounts** with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, '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.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, '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.'Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, **harvesting** where you did not plant and gathering where you did not **scatter**; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with **interest on my return**? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

Closing Prayer

Heavenly Father,
Thank You for the gifts, talents, and opportunities You have entrusted to us. Help us not to hide our gifts out of fear, but to use them faithfully and wisely for Your glory. Give us the courage to step out in faith, the wisdom to be good stewards of what You have given us, and hearts that seek to serve others. May we be faithful in both the small and great things.
In Jesus' name, Amen.