

Session 4

Be prepared to discuss the following in your small groups.

What's one thing you love to do that makes you smile because you're good at it?

What's one area of your life people tell you you're good at? Why might they think that?

What do you think is one of your spiritual gifts? Why do you think so?

Read Matthew 25:14-30.

Was the servant who had more talents better than the others? Why or why not?

Using our gifts to build up the kingdom makes God happy. Describe a time when God used you to make a positive impact in someone else's life.

What warning does this parable give? What does it mean?

Rate each of the following statements with a 1, 2, or 3. Don't ponder them. Go with your first reaction.

<p>1 = That's me – I could do that and enjoy it. 2 = I'm not sure – I might be okay with that. 3 = Not me – I'd rather be kicked in the head.</p>
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- _____ Plan a party to celebrate when we finish this semester of Deeper.
 - _____ Make sure visitors feel welcome when they attend Merge Sunday or Wednesday or one of our activities.
 - _____ Call small group members who have missed a meeting.
 - _____ Remind people of upcoming events.
 - _____ Organize parents to help drive for activities.
 - _____ Raise a bunch of money and give it to your small group leader.
 - _____ Share something during the next meeting about what you've learned from your personal Bible reading.
 - _____ Lead your small group at the next meeting.
 - _____ Create several Bible study tools to help others learn to read and study their Bible.
 - _____ Coordinate a service project this group can tackle.
 - _____ Invite a friend to join the group when you start the next semester of Deeper.
 - _____ Talk with a friend who doesn't attend church programs or events about spiritual ideas.
 - _____ Build a submarine out of toothpicks.
 - _____ Lead the opening or closing prayer time in your next meeting.
 - _____ Help group members learn to grow spiritually, on their own, when the group isn't meeting together.
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