

Kingdom of God 9 - Leader's Guide

See Bible study at bottom of the page.

- 1. When will we receive eternal rewards? (At the second coming of Jesus.)**
- 2. Give an example of a small act of kindness that will be rewarded by God. (Giving a drink of cold water to someone.)**
- 3. Retell the parable about eternal rewards. (A nobleman calls 10 servants together and gives each a mina to do business with. He goes to a far country and then returns. The first has earned 10x the original amount. The second, 5x. The third has hidden the money and gives it back. The first 2 get rewards but the third gets none and loses his original mina.)**
- 4. How much was a mina worth? (3 months of income.)**
- 5. What did the nobleman tell his servants to do with the money? (To do business with it, invest it, multiply it.)**
- 6. Who is the nobleman/important man in the story? (Jesus.)**
- 7. What is the faraway country in the story? (Heaven.)**
- 8. Who are the servants in the story? (Believers in Jesus.)**
- 9. What does the money represent? (Gifts the believers have, the gospel message.)**
- 10. Who are the angry citizens in the story? (Religious Jewish leaders in Jesus' day, people who reject Jesus)**
- 11. What kind of world/environment do Jesus' followers live in? Safe? (Jesus' followers live in a tough, dangerous environment. Not safe!)**
- 12. What reward did the man who made 10 minas receive? (He became a governor or ruler over 10 cities.)**
- 13. What reward did the man who made 5 minas receive? (He ruled 5 cities.)**
- 14. What happened to the servant who made no money? (He got no reward, and he lost the mina that he did have.)**
- 15. Why do you think the last servant did nothing with his money? (He believed lies about the king. Maybe he was afraid of the angry citizens)**

around him. Maybe he didn't believe the king was coming back, or he was lazy.)

16. What happens if you use your gifts? If you don't use them? (If you use your gifts, they increase. If you don't use them, you lose them.)
17. What talents do you have that you could use for the kingdom? (Answers will vary. Some answers: service, teaching, praying, sharing the gospel, encouraging others, giving time and money, organizing, leading, doing acts of kindness, and more!)
18. Are you living your life for something bigger than yourself? If not, PRAY that you can! (Answers will vary.)

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Eternal Rewards

2 Corinthians 5:10 Who Is Jesus?

- Judge. Sits on throne or judgment seat. Judges our works as believers.
- Hands out rewards to those who have done good while living
- Hands out NO REWARD to those whose actions in life were worthless

Who Is Man?

- Will have to give an account of my life to Jesus
- Will be saved if I believe in Jesus' work for me on cross
- Will be judged for my WORKS
- Will receive different degrees of reward depending on the fruit in my life
- Will lose rewards if I waste my life

So What?

- The way we live my life here on earth matters! It determines my eternal destiny, rewards.
- We are responsible for our actions, thoughts, misuse of time.
- We are responsible to use gifts, opportunities God gives us

1 Corinthians 3: 4-15 Who Is God?

- Gives each leader, worker an assignment v.5
- Works through people. v.5.
- Powerful! Brings growth to seed. Causes church to grow. v.6
- More important than the workers! Brings supernatural growth. v.8
- Likes people working together, team ministry. v. 8
- Rewards hard work. Will reward each worker v.8, 14
- Gives grace (empowerment) to workers v. 10

- Has no superstars!**
- Will test everyone's work on Day of Lord with fire v.13

Who Is Jesus?

- Foundation of church v.11

Who Is Man?

- Tend to divide into groups – Paul group, Apollos group v.4
- Act like people without HS's influence v. 4
- Leaders are God's servants v.5
- Believe Good News v.5
- Do work God gives them v. 5
- Some plant seeds in people's hearts. Paul planted the church. v.6
- Some water seeds that are already planted. Apollos came and cared for church. v.6
- Have different roles, assignments (planting, watering) v.6
- Have same mission, purpose v. 8
- Workers are equal, equally important, on the same team v. 8
- NOT SUPERSTARS!***
- Co-workers with God v.9
- Church = God's cultivated garden, vineyard, field v.9
- Church = house God is building, construction project v.9
- Paul (apostle) – skillful architect, master builder. Laid foundation. v. 10
- Apollos- craftsman. Builds on Paul's foundation.
- Need to be careful how we build v. 10
- Can use quality materials (gold, silver, precious stones) that last. v.12
- Can build with inferior materials that won't last (wood hay, straw) v.12
- We can build on right foundation with the wrong materials. v.12
- Our work will be tested with fire
- Will receive rewards for work that lasts, survives fire v.14
- We will suffer loss of reward if our work is burned up in fire, doesn't last v.15

- **Christians who suffer loss of reward will still be saved – barely! v.15**

So What?

- **What assignment has God given you? Are you doing it?**
- **Do you work well on a team? Why or why not?**
- **God will reward you for hard work!**
- **God wants us to do a quality job of building his kingdom!**
- **God will test my work. Am I building well so it will last?**
- **Am I motivated by eternal rewards, loss of rewards? Why or why not?**