

**#1 - We all** \_\_\_\_\_

A - A life you would have never imagined.

What kind of life do you think the younger brother had before he left? \_\_\_\_\_

He was done doing things the \_\_\_\_\_ way, and living by the Fathers rules. \_\_\_\_\_

The son took all that he had... \_\_\_\_\_

Are \_\_\_\_\_ using what the Father has given you in a manner that bears fruit? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did this \_\_\_\_\_ end up? \_\_\_\_\_

B - “He came to senses”

**#2 - The Father** \_\_\_\_\_

A - The Father:

Where was he when the Father noticed him? *“A long way off”* \_\_\_\_\_

What does that tell you about the father? \_\_\_\_\_

What did the father do when he saw him on the horizon? \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ was only interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ of what was \_\_\_\_\_.

**#3 - If we are not careful, we can become the** \_\_\_\_\_

A - The Older Brother and the Church

*“what does the older brothers life embody?”* \_\_\_\_\_

What was his problem? \_\_\_\_\_

B - 1 Peter 3:15<sup>b</sup> *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. (NIV)*

How can we give answers if we don't understand the questions?

What are the big questions in our world today?

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Additional notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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In Matthew 25, the parable of the three servants: Take some time to go back and read the entire parable and answer the following questions:

1 - Which servant are you? \_\_\_\_\_

2 - Why did you pick that servant? \_\_\_\_\_

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3 - List as many of the ministries within your church that you can think of, and circle the ones that could use extra help: \_\_\_\_\_

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4 - Now list all the reasons you are not involved with those ministries. (Be honest with yourself, even if you don't think that your reasons are good ones seeing them on paper can lead to a healthy internal critique) \_\_\_\_\_

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5 - Pray about your next step: Do you need to make a commitment to getting involved? What has to happen in order for you to get involved (scheduling, priorities, etc)? Are you involved with too many things and need to let something go? If so, what and when?

- Once you have a plan in place, show it to someone who can help you stay committed to implementing that plan.