

I'm Considering the Field

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Proverbs 31:16

FOR THE LEADER

These questions help you run the conversation. They are not your study. Get into the passage yourself first, because your group needs what God taught you, not just a list of questions. These also lean on Sunday's message, so a few will not land for anyone who missed it. Watch it before you lead.

WHAT THE MESSAGE WAS ABOUT

Proverbs 31:16 says she considers a field and buys it, and out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. Pastor Matt cast vision for the church's future from that one verse. The open fields around Buckeye are a literal picture of the mission field: in the West Valley, only about one in eight people attends church. Pastor Matt admitted something personal. He had been chewing seed God asked him to plant, consuming what was meant for the ground. The call is to think in decades rather than days, and to give toward a midweek space for youth, young adults, small groups, and counseling.

To get started

- What is something you planted, literally or otherwise, that you had to wait a long time to see?

Looking back at the message

This is a vision message. Ask what people heard God saying, not what they thought of the plan.

- 1 Pastor Matt admitted he had been chewing seed God asked him to plant. What is the difference between consuming what you have been given and planting it?
- 2 Pastor Matt called the church to think in decades rather than days. What part of your own life do you only think about in days?
- 3 Pastor Matt said his mentor told him to preach for permanence. What does building for permanence require that building for right now does not? OPTIONAL

Looking at the passage

Read Proverbs 31:16 and the parable of the talents together.

- 4 Read Proverbs 31:16. What two actions does the verse describe, and what order do they come in?
- 5 The verse says she considers the field before she buys it. What do you think considering involved for her, and what does it involve for us?
- 6 Read Matthew 25:14-30. What does the third servant do with what he was given, and what reason does he give his master?
- 7 Pastor Matt said most of us are not burying the seed like that servant. We are chewing it. Which one is closer to your pattern? OPTIONAL

Bringing it home

Giving is the context, but the question underneath is about horizon.

- 8 What have you been given, money, time, a gift, an opportunity, that you have been consuming instead of investing?
- 9 Only about one in eight people in the West Valley attends church. When you hear that number, what does it do to you?
- 10 What would it mean for you to plan one thing on a ten year horizon instead of a one year one?
- 11 Is there a step of faith you have been sizing up for a while without taking? OPTIONAL

The group together

The field is local and specific. Keep it local and specific.

- 12 The field Pastor Matt described is the actual town you live in. Who in it comes to mind for you?
- 13 What would this group want to still be true of this church in twenty years?
- 14 What could this group plant now, knowing it would not see the fruit quickly?

BEFORE YOU FINISH

What is one seed you have been holding onto that you could put in the ground this month?

You might pray about

- For the people in this valley who have never heard any of it
- For faith that plans beyond the next year
- For what we have been consuming instead of investing
- For a church still here decades from now