



STUDY GUIDE: July 5, 2026

Message Series: Tales of the Kingdom
 Message Title: Urgency + Responsibility = Faithfulness
 Teaching Pastor: Tanner Iglio

Warm-up / Icebreaker (10 min.)

What is your favorite Fourth of July tradition or memory? Or, if your personality were a Fourth of July firework, what kind would you be and why?

Pray:

Heavenly Father, thank You for bringing us together today. Thank You for the opportunity to grow in our faith and encourage one another. Open our hearts and minds as we study Your Word, and help us to hear what You want to teach us today. May our conversation honor You, strengthen our faith, and help us become more like Jesus. In His name, Amen.

Get Started (30 min.)

- What is something you've been entrusted with that felt like a big responsibility?

Read Matthew 25:14-15.

- Why do you think it's so easy to compare what God has given us with what He's given someone else?

"Each according to his ability" is not a terminal, condemning statement. It's an invitation. Because wherever you are right now, that's not where God wants to leave you. And whatever you think you're capable of, God sees so much more. Faithfulness isn't about where you are right now. It's about where you end up. It's not about what you've been given. It's about what you do with it." Pastor Tanner Iglio

Read Matthew 25:16-23.

- The first two servants acted immediately. What does their response teach us about faithfulness?
- Pastor Tanner said, *"Faithfulness is doing the best you can with what you've been given."* How does that definition challenge or encourage you?

"We've been entrusted with the kingdom of God. What that means is not only do we have a place in that kingdom, being loved by Him and able to have a relationship with Him, but that we're also given an opportunity to help that kingdom grow. To prosper. And really it's not just an opportunity... It's a responsibility... There are expectations that go along with being a part of God's Kingdom. Care that's needed... But if that sounds scary to you, I don't want you to worry. Because God hasn't just called us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves and left us to figure it out on our own. Just like any good leader would, He has called us AND equipped us for the job at hand. He's given us the tools we need. Tools like our finances, our passions, our gifts, our talents. . . Our time. The list goes on..." Pastor Tanner Iglio

Read Matthew 25:24-30.

- What fears or excuses keep people from using what God has entrusted to them?
- The message taught that **Faithfulness = Urgency + Responsibility**. Which part of that equation comes more naturally to you? Which is more challenging?

Read 1 Corinthians 4:2.

- What does it look like to be trustworthy with the things God has placed in your care right now?

Read Colossians 3:23-24.

- How does remembering that we ultimately serve Christ change the way we approach our everyday responsibilities?
- What is one gift, talent, or opportunity God has given you that you could invest more intentionally for His kingdom?

Read Matthew 25:21.

- What do you think it will feel like to hear Jesus say, "Well done, good and faithful servant," and how should that shape the way you live today?
- What is one specific step of faith you will take this week to faithfully use what God has entrusted to you?

"God has something for you. He believes in you. He trusts you. His gifts are in your hands. And you get to decide what to do with them...Are you going to be faithful? Are you going to hear those words, "Well done good and faithful servant!"? Pastor Tanner Iglio

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Gather Prayer Requests: (5–10 min.)

Share prayer requests and spend time praying for one another. Pray that God would help each person faithfully steward what He has entrusted to them and give them courage to take their next step of obedience.

Pray:

Father, thank You for entrusting us with the privilege of serving You and advancing Your kingdom. Help us to be faithful with every gift, opportunity, and resource You've placed in our hands. Give us urgency to act, responsibility to steward well, and hearts that seek Your glory above our own. May our lives reflect Your faithfulness until the day we hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant." In Jesus' name, Amen.