

**October 29, 2017**  
**Series: The Living and the Dead**  
**Part 4: Making the Most of Your Life**  
Ted Cunningham

1. Ted began his sermon with a slide that said: “When we get too comfortable on earth, we don’t fear hell and we don’t long for heaven.”

- Do you think you really long for heaven?
- What makes you long for heaven most?

2. If members of your group didn’t hear the sermon on Sunday or if some don’t recall it well, read the Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25:14-30. There is usually a bottom line in the stories Jesus told and hopefully we can discern what it is.

- What do you think the main point of this story is?
- If you had been a servant of the man going on a journey, how many talents (or gifts) do you think he would have given you: 5, 2, or 1?
- What do you think your gifts are?

3. Do you compare yourself to others? Read Ephesians 2:10 and John 21:17-23.

- What do these passages tell us about comparing ourselves to other Christians?
- What do you imagine God has created you to do?

4. Every ministry is unique and different because Christians are unique and different. What are eight ways Ted listed that make us unique and different from others? (**Spiritual gifts, heart motivations or passions, abilities, personalities, experiences, time, energy, and money.**)

5. Ted says every Christian is a “minister.”

- What special abilities do you possess?
- What are you passionate about?
- What do you consider your ministry? Or if you chose a ministry, what would it be?

6. What have you seen God accomplish when you have been his servant/minister?

7. What from your personal experiences has God been able to use to minister to others?

8. F. B. Meyer said: “Don’t waste your time waiting and longing for large opportunities which may never come. But faithfully handle the little things that are always claiming your attention.” What are some little things claiming your attention that you have done because you are God’s child and servant?

9. Ted said: “What we believe ABOUT God determines what we do FOR God.”

- What do you believe about God?
- Do your actions proclaim what you believe about him? What is an example?