

A WINNING FAITH: A PEOPLE OF FAITH

Use this guide for personal or small group study.

REFLECT >>>

1. People of faith are God's church. What is our job as God's church?
2. Why do you think God blesses our church?
3. Name the blessings you see God pouring out on our church.
4. What is the responsibility we have as a people of faith in stewarding these blessings?

READ YOUR BIBLE >>>

- 1 Peter 1:3-5
- Luke 19:12-28

APPLY GOD'S WORD TO YOUR LIFE >>>

1. In the parable, what was the responsibility bestowed upon the servants and how does this apply to our lives as people of faith?
2. Why are two of the servants judged faithful, and one not faithful? What are the implications for us as a people of faith?
3. Apply this parable to yourself personally. What's the message for you?
4. Apply this parable to God's church. Is the message any different and what is it?
5. The message of 1 Peter is central to who we are as a people of faith. God has entrusted His church with this message. In your view, what is our responsibility with this message as God's church here at Hope Lutheran?

God's church, you and me as people of faith, have a high calling to share the Good News of Jesus; to multiply the message many times over in people's lives, encouraging all people to know the love of Christ; helping people with their soul business, passing the faith onto the next generation; reaching out to those who are not yet a part of our church, but who are searching for God. As people of faith, let's be like the servant who took God's blessings and multiplied them many times over, turning what God has given us into much more for the glory of God and to make heaven more crowded.

PRAY >>>

We are Your church, O Lord. A people of faith dedicated to the Good News of the resurrection of Your Son and what that means for all who come to believe. Bless us more and more, Lord, that we might turn those blessings into even more blessings for Your kingdom's goals. Here we are Lord! Use us as a church! Use me as a person of faith! In all things we give You the glory! Amen.