# EXCERPT FROM MINISTRY READING (THE KINGDOM CHAPTER 36): THE MANIFESTATION OF THE KINGDOM 1

#### THE TALENTS (IN MATTHEW 25)

It seems somewhat easy for the five-talented ones and the two-talented ones to function and serve the Lord. But it seems more difficult for the less talented members to serve. Why? It is because they consider that they have received so little. Because they do not have a large portion, they tend to let the more gifted ones replace them in their function. But there is no excuse. All must serve. To the consideration of the one-talented members, the Lord is a hard master. He gathers where He does not scatter.

One day the Lord will come back, and when He comes back, He will reckon with all His servants. All His servants will have to settle their accounts with Him. At the Lord's coming back, the problem will be with the one-talented ones. They will excuse themselves, saying that the Lord is too hard. For example, concerning the church meetings, do not consider that you can function because you feel that the Lord has given you something. Many times it is not like this. Rather, when you come in, your sensation may be that you have nothing, but the Lord still requires you to function. You may excuse yourself, saying that the Lord has given you nothing. This means that the Lord has not scattered anything to you or sown anything into you, but now He requires some reaping, some harvesting. Many times this is the principle in God's economy. This is the way of the Lord. This is because, on the one hand, we all have to learn to be diligent, and on the other hand, we all have to be those who serve by faith.

Sometimes we come to the meeting in an idle, sloppy, and slothful way. We excuse ourselves by saying that we are tired, and we come with no intention of functioning. We only come to rest and to enjoy some testimonies, to listen, and perhaps to criticize a little. This becomes our enjoyment. Even our criticism becomes an enjoyment. This is to be sloppy, slothful, and idle. Contrariwise, we should come to the meetings with a "Praise the Lord!" Regardless of whether we are tired and regardless of our situation, we need to function. We may be tired, but He is unlimited. We are nothing, but He is everything. We have nothing to minister, but we must function by faith. If you will open your mouth, the word will come out. The way to dig out your buried talent is to open your mouth. Do not bury your talent. Dig it out. Do not excuse yourself for any reason.

#### **Annoucement:**

- District prayer meeting on the coming Tuesday 8/18 is scheduled at district prayer meeting on-line locations starting from 8 PM. We encourage the saints to separate time to attend.
- 2. Corporate pursuing this week: "The Kingdom" messages 35 & 36.
- 3. Please send your SST fee to the meeting hall similar to how we do for financial offering. Check shall be payable to the Church in Piscataway and note it as for YP SST. The registration fee per person in \$20 regardless fulltime, part-time, young people, TA, or serving ones. Lesson book is \$8 per copy, each T-Shirt is \$10.
- 4. Let us continue to have the burden of and practice gospel preaching and mutual shepherding.

#### **Meeting Attendance:**

Small Groups (8/7~8/8): 151

Lord's Table (8/9): 134

Prayer Meeting (8/11): 54

#### **Prayer Burdens:**

#### Rutgers New Semester (Fall 2020) -

- A. Pray that the incoming freshmen will make a good transition into college. May they establish healthy relationships in their first year and be built up with some saints around them.
- B. Pray the Lord would release more shepherding for the students and that each one would receive adequate care.
- C. Pray for the strengthening of the coordination among all the serving ones, students, and nearby churches. May the Lord blend is all together and form a strong heavenly team.

#### Gospel Preaching -

- A. Pray for all saints to pick up the burden for gospel preaching. Especially during the pandemic, may we seize every opportunity to spread the gospel of the kingdom.
- B. Pray that the Lord would use the current world situation to soften people's heart and open them up towards the salvation.
- C. While many Chinese new students that got accepted to Rutgers cannot come to the US in Fall 2020, pray that the Lord would still release the way for us to reach out to them.

#### Shepherding / Perfecting -

- A. Pray for more burdened shepherds to be raised up.
- B. In the current limited situation, pray that the Lord would give us the wisdom to care for people through technology.
- C. Many Chinese RU students have gone back to China, pray that they can still be contacted and shepherded.

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means to mark out beforehand, or ahead of time, for a certain purpose.



Therefore, salvation was our destiny!



# 2020 Summer Internship

### Introduction:

August 9th marked the final day of a month-long college internship with 25 participating students from colleges in New York and New Jersey. This was the first time that the two states were able to carry out an internship for the college students.

The burden of the internship was to train and perfect the students in the areas of life, truth, service, gospel and character in order to become normal functioning members of the Body of Christ. In the mornings, the interns participated in morning revival workshops to learn how to touch the Lord in the morning and develop their relationship with Him. Many testified that the morning times were very helpful. After the morning times, the students were split into groups with serving ones to study the truth and be equipped with the word of the ministry. One student testified that after pray-reading a verse that was hard to understand, the Lord provided light and understanding!

Another essential part of the internship was the project assignments. The projects helped the students to enter into practical service in the church life while learning to coordinate with the other members of the Body. At the end of the internship, the students presented their projects that they faithfully labored on, and it was wonderful!

Overall, the interns gained experience by serving in the Summer School of Truth, Children's Service, Social Media, Church History, and Campus Welcome Week. This internship also provided the students an opportunity to plan earlier for the fall semester. It is our hope and expectation that the Lord will bless this school year and that it would be a memorable one. May there be many more internships to come!

## **Serving One's Testimony:**

I was really excited to be able to serve in the internship. During this time, I got to know more of these college students as well as the serving saints helping out. A highlight of the internship was our daily prayer and coordination time among the serving ones. I really looked forward to seeing the saints each day and being able to apply what I had learned from the training to pray, enjoy the Lord, and coordinate with everyone.

The truth pursuits and other small groups I had with the students really caused each one to be inscribed on my heart and burdened for their going on. I really feel like there were many concepts broken, on the students' end as well as on mine. There was an unveiling of getting to know each student, more than in the general way I knew them as just students, and to appreciate them and the Christ in each one of them.

There was a lot of learning in how to be a serving one, proper guide and a shepherd according to God's heart ("not that I have already attained.."). As the internship went on, I definitely felt like there was a corporate pursuing as fellow members of the Body of Christ. I look forward to the next internship!

## **Student's Testimony:**

Coming into this internship, I had no idea what to expect and was unsure of what I would gain. However, after it has ended, I can safely say that I've grown closer to the Lord and learned so much more about fellowship and coordination. It truly requires much prayer, and enjoying the Lord with fellow companions and students is such a sweet experience. Praise the Lord for the Body!!