

## Cell Notes 25 July 2010

### Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

### Talk (summary)

*N.B. A 'talent' was a large sum of money (probably equivalent to thousands of pounds)*

This parable asks us all a question: What are you doing with what you've been given?

Bury it, hide it away (for fear of losing it)...then you will lose it.

Use it well... then it grows and you will be given more...plus happiness!

Jesus wasn't really talking about money (or not only)...what then?

(Contributions from floor: *ourselves; life; things we're good at; other people; love* etc)

What is the most precious thing God has given us?

**Himself**... Salvation...His presence...His Spirit...His love...His power... etc.

What are we doing with it? Keeping Him to ourselves... or sharing Him?

### Pathfinder DVD: The Parable of the Talents

#### Discussion Questions:

- 1) We can easily assume we know a familiar Bible passage. Read Matthew 25:14-30 together asking God to help you see it with fresh eyes. Briefly share anything new that strikes you.
- 2) Jesus' parables deliberately have a wide application. What is the Holy Spirit highlighting for you at the moment as the meaning of the 'talents'?
- 3) What **are** you doing with what you've been given? (Be honest and specific, but not **too** hard on yourself!).