



REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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October 13-19, 2025

Stewardship Sermon Series: "Turning Inside Out"

Sermon Title: "We Are a Five-Talent Church" by Rev. Dr. Peter Moon

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals,
make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.

Questions for small groups and individual reflection:

1. How important do you think it is that the church address finances? How comfortable are you with the conversation?
2. Reveille offers clear financial guidance around giving for our new members, which applies to all of us. We ask our members to "give a sacrificial portion of your income with the goal of working towards the tithe (10% of your income)." How do you feel about that guidance?
3. For 2026, we are asking you to increase your pledge at least by 5%. This will enable us to increase our outreach investment and do some new things in ministry. Are you ok with this? Does it seem strange for the church to make such a specific financial ask?
4. Have you ever felt the freedom that comes from the ability to give your money away generously?

Monday, October 13: Read Matthew 25:14-23

Today begins our two weeks of the annual stewardship campaign. For the next two weeks, we are going to be speaking about money – our own money and how we use it, and the church's money and how we use it. As we read the Parable of the Five Talents today and tomorrow, we can see these two levels reflected. On a personal level, God has given us financial resources. We are to invest in the kingdom now and not bury them in the sand for fear of loss or punishment. This encourages us to give our resources generously so that Reveille can do the work of the kingdom aggressively. The parable also speaks to Reveille itself. Reveille has been given resources, often because of the sacrifice of so many people, and we therefore must make sure that we are investing those resources well and aggressively to serve the kingdom of God through our community.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss if you believe Reveille is a "Five-Talent Church." What opportunities does this provide? What responsibilities does this bring?*

Tuesday, October 14: Read Matthew 25:24-30

On Sunday, Pete will posit that Reville is indeed a “Five-Talent Church,” able to do incredible things with the potential resources available from its congregation. God has given us an abundance, and we don’t want to bury that abundance in the sand. We need to multiply and invest the money in kingdom work. How do we do that as a church? We are also five talent individuals. God has given many of us financial resources that can do so much good. Are we using them? How are each of us doing in investing those resources in the kingdom? Are we generously using our talents or burying them?

- **Discipleship Opportunity:** *Take an inventory of your talents, both financial and otherwise. What percentage of them are you using for the Kingdom? Find a way to increase it by 5%.*

Wednesday, October 15: Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Are you sowing sparingly or generously? Are we giving out of a place of joy and gratitude, or reluctant obligation? These are the questions Paul posed to the wealthy church in Corinth, a church situated in a thriving, wealthy metropolis but suffering from an impoverishment of generosity and empathy for the poor. What kind of letter do you believe Paul would write to our congregation today? What would we be proud of? Repentant of? What kind of letter would we want him to be able to write?

- **Study Opportunity:** *Research ancient Corinth and the scholarship surrounding the ancient church there. Now look up what Paul said about the Macedonian churches, which lacked these resources.*

Thursday, October 16: Read Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

When we make investments, we can’t know for certain which ones will yield immediate, obvious results and which will seem to go nowhere. Our financial and career “portfolios” are filled with dynamos and duds. Today’s scripture starts by giving the practical advice to “Invest in seven ventures, yet, in eight,” as we don’t know what the future holds. In obedience to such teachings, our church council and board of trustees work diligently to protect the church’s assets and investments. But there is a major difference between investing in God’s kingdom and in secular, earthly institutions or portfolios – an understanding that investments in God’s kingdom are under God’s control and therefore work at a level we cannot fully see nor understand.

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss your thoughts and understanding of today’s reading. How does it speak to the importance of both faith and strategic planning?*

Friday, October 17: Read Proverbs 3:5-10

There are two common reasons for withholding pledging and tithing – a fear that there will not be enough left over, and an inherent human desire to hold onto the first fruits of our own labor under the belief that we are entitled to them. Today’s wisdom from Proverbs speaks directly to both these tendencies. First, we are to trust in the Lord with all our heart, leaning not on our own understanding. Second, we must be careful not to “be wise in [our] own eyes” but instead turn to God. These two practices allow us to honor God with our wealth, which will in turn, lead to our “barns overflowing.” Which of these practices, trusting God or relinquishing your pride, is most standing in your way?

- **Relationship Opportunity:** *Discuss what “barns overflowing” means in today’s context. Does it mean financial wealth? Something else? All of the above? Give examples of when you’ve seen this happen in your life or through someone else’s example.*

Saturday, October 18: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Matthew 25:23

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Sunday, October 19: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship in reading our Prayer of

Common Confession: *God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. You provide us with the opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future. You have provided us with a beautiful creation to enjoy. We take it for granted and abuse this incredible earth. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.*

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