

5) THE ADVENTURE OF *STICKING YOUR NECK OUT*



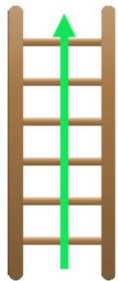
WARM UP 1: What's the scariest thing you've ever done?

WARM UP 2: What's something you won't do because it's too scary/risky?

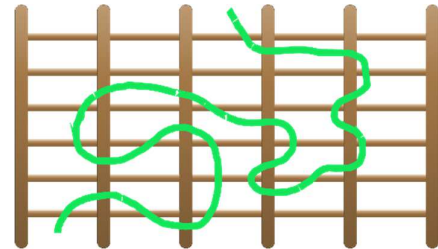
READ MATTHEW 25:14-30

Do some active bible studying together... what stands out to you from this parable? What questions do you have about it? What challenges you? What does it cause you to think about? What verse/words in particular stand out?

THE BIG PICTURE



Which of these two images best represents how you see your life? How worried are you that you will "fall behind" or "miss out" on the things society says you should have?



APPLICATION

Work through these 5 questions: either in relation to the "big picture" of your life, or something that relates to your daily life/conversations.

1. What has God entrusted to you? (i.e. spiritually, materially, relationally)
2. What are you afraid of losing? (i.e. what are you willing to risk?)
3. What are you doing with it? (i.e. using it? or burying it?)
4. What would Jesus' response to you be? (i.e. which servant are you?)
5. What will the final outcome be? (i.e. will you "save" your life, or "lose" it?)

THIS WEEK'S GO! CHALLENGE: Think of a fear that may be stopping you from being faithful with what God has entrusted to you, and take a deliberate action to counter it.

PRAY: God please help us be motivated by faith and not fear!