



groups | DISCUSSION GUIDE

As an Empty Nester

WARM UP

If you had to choose, would you rather be wealthy or healthy?

SET IT UP

Our culture encourages us to accumulate as much as we can, retire as early as we can, and do as little as we can in our retirement years. But what if our later years could be the best years of investment in eternal pursuits? Maybe all the skill, life experience and wealth we accumulate are given to us for something more than serving ourselves.

CHAT IT UP

1. **Have you ever borrowed something and broke it? What happened there?**
2. **Read Matthew 25:14-15. What is the situation? How does this part of the parable relate to us today?**
3. **What gift do you sometimes wish you had?**
4. **Read Matthew 25:19-21. What is the goal of stewardship?** (Answers: To do something with it; to be faithful.)
5. **If you were take an inventory of what God has given you—(time, money, failures, experiences, skills, etc.)—what are two of the bigger blessings God has put in your life?**
6. **What misunderstands or mistakes have you made that could help others?**
7. **How can you leverage your gifts for the good of others? Where can you invest those gifts?**

WRAP IT UP

The value of your life will be measured by what you give, not what you have. Make a list this week of what you have been given. Then pray through each of them, surrendering them to God. Then look for ways to invest in the lives of others.

LEADER TIPS

You will want to tailor the discussion to phase of life of your group.