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Matthew 25:1-13

Go out to meet the Bridegroom.

Verse 1: A gracious invitation and a joyous event: a wedding! What was the first wedding you attended?

What were preparations that you made?

Verse 2: Jesus encourages + warns you. Five virgins were wise and five unwise. Jesus is telling us he wants us to be, he is the one who makes us _____.

Verse 3: What is unwise about not bringing any oil for your lamp when you go out?

When you travel or go camping what items do you bring to ensure you have light or power for your phone?

Verse 4: It may have been more work for the wise virgins to bring oil along, but why was it important?

Spiritually speaking, what is the “oil” that Jesus is talking about?

How do we get enough of it, or bring it along?

Verse 5: They all wanted to meet the bridegroom. We all want to be ready for Jesus’ return since he could come at any time and all the signs are there for him to come. When will he come?

Verse 6: This is a joyful declaration – “He’s here!” Why will this be joyful for us?

What would make it fearful for us?

Verse 7-9: The wise virgins were prepared to meet the bridegroom – they trimmed their lamps and they had oil. The unwise ones were not and they ran to see if they could buy oil, but it was too late. Jesus gives us this parable so that we are the wise ones and we are ready for him to come back. What will this mean for you when it comes to:

1) Time in God’s house and filling up with His Word –

2) Decisions you make with scheduling and habits -

3) Letting your light shine wherever you go, not just at church, but following God’s commands, and not falling into the world’s way of thinking –

4) The words you use and how you conduct yourself at work or play and the time you spend for others –

5) Bringing your child to baptism, partaking of the Lord’s Supper, hearing God’s promises and forgiveness –

Verse 10: Jesus’ return is an incredibly joyous event. Who will be there?

What will we experience?

Why do we get to go in with Jesus?

Verse 11-12: What is the sad reality for those who don’t take God’s Word seriously and think that our relationship with Jesus doesn’t matter, or that his suffering, death, and resurrection for us don’t really make a difference in our lives or how we live?

Verse 13: What has Jesus done and given us to make us wise and ready for his return?

**Therefore, brother and sister in Christ, Keep Watch!
Go out to meet the Bridegroom you wise ones!**