

Week of June 4 - Parable of the Ten Virgins | Small Group Lesson 9

Connect

Do you like to make to-do lists for work or study? Do they help you get things done? What happens if you don't get everything done?

Verses – Matthew 25:1-13 (CSB)

1 "At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. 2 Five of them
were foolish and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps,
they didn't take oil with them; 4 but the wise ones took oil in their
flasks with their lamps. 5 When the groom was delayed, they all
became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "In the middle of the night there
was a shout: 'Here's the groom! Come out to meet him.' 7 "Then all
the virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said
to the wise ones, 'Give us some of your oil, because our lamps are
going out.' 9 "The wise ones answered, 'No, there won't be enough
for us and for you. Go instead to those who sell oil, and buy some
for yourselves.' 10 "When they had gone to buy some, the groom
arrived, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding
banquet, and the door was shut. 11 Later the rest of the virgins also
came and said, 'Master, master, open up for us!' 12 "He replied,
'Truly I tell you, I don't know you!' 13 "Therefore be alert, because
you don't know either the day or the hour.

Study

1. What are the bridesmaids (both wise and foolish) expecting to be able to do? What should they prepare that would allow them to at any time of the day? (v.1; Psalm 130:5; John 1:5)

2. When does the bridegroom come? Why is the timing of his coming relevant to the parable? (v.5; Luke 18:8; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Thessalonians 5:2)

3. Since the wise bridesmaids were prepared, what could they do before going in? What reason did the bridegroom give for not letting the foolish bridesmaids in? (v.12, Matthew 7:21-23; John 6:29; Jeremiah 31:33-34; John 14:9; John 3:16)

DISCUSS: Everyone wants to know God. What can we assume if God sent his Son Jesus to us? How does that generate hope?

APPLY: Read Matthew 9:12-13. What kind of character does this teach us God has? What is He looking for? Why is this necessary for the world? (Romans 3:23)

Share

How do we improve our relationships *with grace*? How do we improve our relationship with God *by grace*? (Matthew 11:27-30; 25:40)

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

- Pray that the Lord will give us insight to give grace to others.
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