

Sermon Based Small Group Questions

The Parable of the Bridesmaids



Opening

1. Why do you think so many people have tried to figure out the date of Jesus' return?

Going Deeper

Read Matthew 25:1-13

1. What are some of your first impressions of this parable?
2. Read Matthew 25:45-51. How does our parable provide a counter-balance to this story?
3. One writer sees the five foolish bridesmaids as representing people who make a half-decision to follow Christ. They want to participate in the party, but they don't take the invitation seriously enough to make sufficient preparations. What do you make of this take?
4. What do you think the message of vs. 7-9 is? What exactly is it that we cannot borrow?
5. For most people, this parable stirs up a mix of emotions. It opens up the richness of the coming kingdom banquet, yet it also makes clear that the foolish and unprepared miss out on the celebration.
 - a. How does this parable sit with you?
 - b. What do we learn here about the character of God?

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6. If Christ were to return imminently (which he may very well do), how would that knowledge impact your daily life?
 - a. What would change? What would stay the same?
 - b. Which relationships would you give attention to?

Close in Prayer