



Week 4 // Ten Virgins

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Big Idea from the Message

Followers of Jesus watch and pray, as they remain prepared for His arrival.

Connect

1. What is one of your classic stories of being late or missing something important?

Digging Deeper

In this series we are tackling a progression of stories and teachings in the Bible that have to do with the number 'ten.' Read the Parable of the Ten Virgins, recorded in Matthew 25:1-13 before answering the questions which follow.

2. To what event in history does this parable apply? How does it relate to Matthew 24?
3. In what ways were the ten girls alike? Different? What unexpected event takes place (vv. 5-8)? With what consequences (v. 9)? Being caught short and going for more oil, what awful event occurs (vv. 10-12)?
4. What then is the point of the parable? (see also 24:42)
5. Why is readiness so important in regard to the Second Coming of Jesus?

Live It Out

6. What unexpected event has happened in your life in the past six months? Were you ready to handle it?
7. What is the 'oil' that keeps your lamp lit?
8. Who are you most like in this story? Why?
9. At the final wedding banquet where will you be standing? Why? Does Jesus invite us into his wedding feast by His action or by ours?
10. If Jesus is the Main Character in the Story of our salvation (see Romans 5:6-8), what might it look like to 'watch and wait' for His return? Does that mean we sit around doing nothing? See Ephesians 2:8-10 for help in answering.

Lifting it up

Spend a few moments reflecting on today's discussion.

Ask: "What, God, are you doing?
Lord, what do you want for me?"

Listen. Record any thoughts or nudging of the Holy Spirit here:

Note: This week's study draws from Serendipity's New Testament for Groups