



SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: **Matthew 25:1-13**

Date: **June 19, 2022**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. Some find this parable very difficult to understand, but if you know the cultural background surrounding Hebrew wedding traditions, then it's actually not too difficult to discern the meaning. Summarize the relevant cultural background that Pastor Jacob provided in the sermon.
3. Briefly summarize the parable. What was the primary job of the bridesmaids in this parable?
4. Why are the wise bridesmaids considered "wise" (verse 2)? Why are the foolish bridesmaids considered "foolish" (verse 2)?
5. What does verse 5 indicate to us about the return of Christ?
6. Why don't the wise bridesmaids help out the foolish bridesmaids in verse 9? Why do they seem willing to even offend the ones that aren't prepared?
7. Pastor Jacob noted that the foolish virgins were so close to making it to the wedding feast. They received the invitation, got ready at the bride's house, even had a torch with some oil, but they failed to be *fully* ready. They fell short and weren't ready. What is the significance of this? What does this teach us about the nature of being ready for Christ's return?
8. How ought we to apply this parable to our lives? How ought we to receive the warning of this text? How can we be like the wise bridesmaids?