



SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION

THIS WEEK: Keep Yourself Ready! - Matthew 25:1-13

GETTING STARTED

- Share about a time you were locked out of your car or house and how you eventually got back in.

Or...

- What unexpected event has happened in your life this past year? Were you prepared to handle it?

QUESTIONS FROM THE PASSAGE (Matthew 25:1-13)

- Take time to read the passage through 2 times; having someone different read it out loud each time.
- When it comes to Jesus' return, what feelings does it stir up for you? Gloom or excitement? Fear or celebration?
- What made some of the bridesmaids "wise?" (vs. 3-4)
- What responsibility does each Christian have before God?
- This parable has a difficult ending for five of the bridesmaids. Why do you think the groom says what he says to the five foolish bridesmaids? (vs. 12)
- Why didn't the wise bridesmaids share their oil with the foolish ones? What is the meaning behind this? (vs. 8-9)
- What is the main point of the parable?
- What was the final warning of Jesus and how does it apply to us today? (vs. 13)

APPLICATION

- Where do you see yourself in this story? As a wise or foolish bridesmaid?
- Why do we tend to think (and act like) we have all the time in the world to get ready for Christ's return?
- What is one thing that you can change that will better prepare you for Jesus' return?
- Ask for specific prayer requests and take time to pray for one another.