



## **MATTHEW 25:1-13**

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**PRAY:** Thanking God for His generosity and asking Him to show you how to make Him your highest priority.

**REST:** Make a note of anything distracting you today and set it aside for now.

**READ:** Through the section once. Read through it again, considering anything that confused, encouraged, or convicted you. Examine how this parable fits with the teaching Jesus just gave about the timeline of the end and how the two may connect with each other.

*Consider & Respond to these questions:*

How can we understand God better through these parables?

What do they reveal about how Jesus sees you, His follower?

What does this parable show about the way Jesus' kingdom works?

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### QUESTIONS FROM SUNDAY

*Reflecting on this Sunday's teaching, respond to these questions:*

Read through Romans 13:11-14 and 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 slowly. Read them multiple times if necessary. Ask for the Holy Spirit's conviction and wisdom. As you read, is there anything convicting? What is your plan to remove those convicting areas of sin and stay in accountability to your brothers or sisters?

Describe and detail your plan for making time to converse with Jesus through prayer and the Word each day. Share with your group and ask for help and accountability.

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### FOR FURTHER STUDY

Jesus is incredibly generous to His disciples. He gave His life, His Spirit, and He has given us eternity (among so many other gifts). Here, He tells of a story of love and generosity, a bridegroom who generously shares His love with the bride that is truly waiting for Him. A gift this incredible, however, is not meant to be neglected, that is absolute ungratefulness and even rejection of the gift, we are to respond with watchfulness and diligence. For the young maidens, this required alertness and preparedness. As we look at the great gifts God has given us, as individual disciples and as His Body, we should recognize that real gratitude is not just awe and words of thankfulness, but a response with our whole lives and selves, serving God in worship with what He has given us.

**God's Generosity:** Exodus 34:6-7; Psalm 33:18-22, 65:9-13; Proverbs 28:20; Matthew 7:11; Luke 15:22-24; Romans 3:23-24, 6:23, 1:35-36; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Ephesians 1:7-9; Acts 14:17

**Diligence:** Ezra 7:23; Proverbs 22:29; Hebrews 6:10-12; 2 Peter 1:5-9, 3:14

**Negligence:** Deuteronomy 28:47-48; Psalm 109:16-17; Proverbs 21:13; Jonah 1:3; Matthew 7:26-27; Luke 12:47, 16:10-13; John 10:12-15; James 2:14-18, 4:17

*As you read, some questions to think about and respond to are:*

Jesus is a generous bridegroom who loves His bride so much that He gave His life for her. In what ways do you see the generosity of Jesus in your life and the world around you?

What does it look like to be diligent or negligent? Which one marks your life most often? What steps can you take toward greater diligence on behalf of the kingdom?

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