Kingdom-Minded
Keep Your Lamp Burning
Sunday, June 22, 2025

Matthew 25:1-13 NIV

"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. 4 The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. 5 The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. 6 "At midnight the cry rang out: 'Here's the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!'

7 "Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.' 9 "'No,' they replied, 'there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.'

10 "But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. 11 "Later the others also came. 'Lord, Lord,' they said, 'open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I don't know you.'

13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

1. **Spiritual Readiness.**

2. **Personal Accountability.**

3. **Actively Cultivate Your Faith.**

Conclusion: Let us as the bride waiting for her bridegroom to return, carry the oil (Holy Spirit) with us so our lamps will continue to burn until His arrival. Let us live actively preparing, instead of passively expecting. This is Kingdom minded living.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

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Week of June 22, 2025- June 28, 2025

Ice Breaker: What kind of ambiance do lanterns bring to a space?

Read Matthew 25:1-13.

1. Who does the bridegroom represent? Who do the virgins or bridesmaids represent? What does the oil represent?
2. What do we learn about the virgins in their preparedness? (vs.2-3)
3. What did the wise women bring? (v.4)
4. How useful is a lamp without oil? How useful are we in God's Kingdom without the leading of the Holy Spirit?
5. What happened to all of them? (v.5)
6. How is this reflective of the level of passion and fire in our faith?
7. About what hour did the bridegroom arrive? (v.6)
8. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2. When and how Christ will return?
9. What did everyone have to do with their lamps? (v.7) Why? How does this relate to preparing our hearts in faith?
10. What did the foolish ones ask for? (v.8)
11. What was the response of the wise ones? (v.9) Why might they respond in this manner? How is this relevant to one's faith journey?
12. How important is personal accountability with maintaining our lamps of faith? Who is responsible for keeping your lamp burning?
13. What happened when the foolish ones left to buy more oil? (v.10)
14. What did the foolish ones ask, and what was the response? (vs.11-12)
15. What does this mean with Christ's offer of salvation to all?
16. What is our warning regarding our faith and our hearts? (v.13)
17. What can we do to stay spiritually ready? Read Ephesians 5:18-19, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Galatians 5:25, 2 Timothy 2:15.
18. *When you are not doing these things* how likely is your lamp going to keep burning? If the flame goes out, what happens to your faith?
19. Why is actively cultivating our faith important and who helps us with that?
20. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:5, 5:11, 5:14. How do we help the Kingdom keep lamps burning bright? How do we help others ignite a flame in their lamp? Read Romans 10:14-15.

Point to ponder: The Holy Spirit is the oil we must carry with us to keep our flames of faith burning; guiding our path to Jesus.