

Get Ready!

Broadway Life Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, March 14, 2010

Look Outward - Discuss people you have met or people you would like to invite to your life group this week.

Open - Tell about something that happened for which you were completely unprepared, or tell about something that happened for which you were well prepared.

Dig -

What do you see that is similar in Matthew 24:48; 25:5; and 25:19?

When will Jesus come according to Matthew 24:44?

In Matthew 24:48-51, why is the master displeased with the servant?

What did the wise virgins have that the foolish virgins did not have?

What did the master entrust to his slaves in Matthew 25:14?

What did the master want his slaves to do with that which he had entrusted to them?

Reflect -

Name something you are never ready for when it comes. Explain.

What are some of the things God has placed in your charge at this time?

What would you like to be doing when Jesus comes? Explain.

How would you describe being active in God's work? What does it mean to be active in your view?

What, in your view, causes a person to be committed to something for the long haul?

Give an example.

As time drags on, what ideas do you have for things we can do to maintain our supply of oil (commitment)? Discuss.

Why do you think some Christians run out of commitment in real life?

List some things that in your opinion are bad financial investments.

What do you think God views as a good spiritual profit in His kingdom business?

Explain why you think so.

What do you think is different about the way God views the one talent man and the way he views the five talent man?

Express how you feel about one of the following statements? There is no right or wrong answer here, but we are just exploring our own feelings.

- A) I am managing well the things God has left in my charge as I wait for his return.
- B) I have an abundant reserve of commitment and will be prepared to meet the bridegroom whenever he comes.
- C) I am investing my money in the work of the kingdom of heaven.
- D) I would welcome the coming of the Lord if it happened today!

Matthew 24:45ff

45 "Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? 46 It will be good

for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. 47 I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 48 But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' 49 and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards. 50 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. 51 He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

25:1 "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, 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. 'Sir! Sir!' they said. 'Open the door for us!' 12 "But he replied, 'I tell you the truth, I don't know you.' 13 "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

14 "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. 15 To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. 16 The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. 17 So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. 18 But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 20 The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' 21 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 22 "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' 23 "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' 24 "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. 25 So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' 26 "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? 27 Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. 28 "'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. 29 For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. 30 And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'