

Parables Lesson 36 Handout

**Be
ready.**

Apathy

**First
step:
Contract**

**Second Step:
Procession
and
Consummation**

**Third Step:
Celebration**

**You have
had a year
or more TO
PREPARE
for this
day.**

Matthew 25:

1 "Then the Kingdom of Heaven will be like ten bridesmaids who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise.

3 The five who were foolish didn't take enough olive oil for their lamps,

4 but the other five were wise enough to take along extra oil.

5 When the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

6 "And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!'

7 "All the bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps.

Apathy

**They
weren't
taking this
event very
serious.**

Matthew 25:8–9

8 Then the five foolish ones asked the others, 'Please give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'

**We have to take
personal
responsibility for
our own
relationship with
Jesus.**

9 "But the others replied, 'We don't have enough for all of us. Go to a shop and buy some for yourselves.'

10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut.

Isaiah 55:6

6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.

11 Later, when the other five bridesmaids returned, they stood outside, calling, 'Lord! Lord! Open the door for us!'

12 "But he called back, 'Believe me, I don't know you!'

**They looked
exactly
alike.**

Matt 7:21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.'

23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Matt 7:21 ...Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

**A Christian is
someone who
does the will of
God.**

Romans 12:2

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

**God -
change me
to think
like You.**

**Five used
their time of
preparation
to acquire
extra oil.
The other
five did not.**

**Am I
spiritually
prepared?**

**Starting
point**

Matthew 22:

37 Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.'

1 Peter 3:15

15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

2 Peter 3:18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ...

Philippians 1:9

9 I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

1 Peter 2:2

2 Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment,

If you walk away
each bible study
with something
new – that's a win.

Hebrews 2:1

1 For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.

Spiritual preparedness demonstrates you really are His.

One day that door will close and it will be too late.

You can't do it properly if you aren't prepared.

Being prepared in our faith takes time and effort.

They just can't imagine it happening to them.

They don't REALLY think Jesus is coming back soon.

When Jesus returns and they don't know Him.

While we are waiting – what are we doing?