

CONVERSATION GUIDE



FULL CIRCLE WEEK FIVE

SCRIPTURE MATTHEW 25: 1-13

Matthew 25:1-4 The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.

Matthew 25:5-9 Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.'

Matthew 25:9-12 While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'

Matthew 25:13 Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are you planning for the future? What makes you good at planning? What struggles do you have with planning?
2. What steps can we take to make sure we plan to invest in God's kingdom?
3. What is the difference to you between an abundance mentality and a scarcity mentality? How does an abundance mentality help us to invest our financial resources in God's kingdom?
4. Do you see giving as an investment in God's kingdom? How does this help us grow in generosity to think of giving in this way?
5. The four P's of giving are Plan, Priority, Percentage, and Progress. Which of these principles do you find most relevant to your giving and financial planning? Why?

Deeper Dive

How has monetary giving helped you to grow as a Christ follower?

From today's message,
is there a...

- **Scripture** to ponder?
- **Prayer** to pray?
- **Action** to take?
- **Conversation** to start?
- **Mindset** to change?

love **God**. love **others**. make **disciples**.