

Sermon Questions: Ten Bridesmaids

Matthew 25:1-13

1. Share a memory you have from a wedding you either attended or participated in. What is it about that event that makes it memorable for you?
2. If you could summarize the story of the Bridesmaids in one sentence, what would that be?
3. Pastor Mark tells about the Tikker Watch, which counts down the years, months, days, hours and minutes until your estimated death date. The inventor of the watch suggests that an awareness of our future death helps us live more meaningfully in the present. Do you agree or disagree, why or why not?
4. Have you ever contemplated your own death? How do you feel about the reality of death? What do you believe happens to us after we die?
5. Pastor Mark described some of the unique facets of the ancient Hebrew wedding tradition. Was there anything about that tradition that surprised you? What did you find most interesting?
6. How does an understanding of the ancient Hebrew wedding tradition help us understand some of the phrases Jesus used, such as "I go to prepare a place for you" and "In my Father's House there are many mansions"?
7. While this story of Jesus is focused on his second coming, how does it also apply to the inevitability of physical death?
8. Pastor Mark suggests that we cultivate a sense of urgency about getting right with God. Why is that important? In what way can some people interpret this as manipulative?
9. Have you accepted Jesus as your Savior and Lord? Why is it important to do that? How does entering into a relationship with Jesus help people in this life and after death?