

## **The Ten Virgins**

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

Share a personal experience where lack of preparation led to negative results. How does that relate to spiritual preparation?

#### **I. The Character of the Bridesmaids (v. 1-4)**

How can we tell the difference between being a nominal Christian and a genuine follower of Christ? What signs can we look for?

What practical actions can we take to be prepared for Jesus' return?

#### **2. Consequences of Care and Carelessness (v. 5-13)**

What did all ten virgins have in common? How did they differ?

What are the consequences for those unprepared, as shown in the parable?

How can a faith community help each other be spiritually prepared?

#### **For Further Consideration and Application:**

What does Jesus want us to understand about being prepared for His second coming? How can we show this urgency in our daily lives?

How does waiting for the Lord's return change how we view life's challenges and our purpose?

After discussing this parable, what new insights have you gained about your spiritual readiness? How will you apply these lessons going forward?

#### **Prayer Points**

Pray for a transformed heart that prioritizes trusting in Jesus Christ for your salvation above all else. Seek God's guidance to cultivate a genuine desire for His kingdom. Ask for strength to stay alert and watchful in your faith.