

## Small Group Questions | March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Palm Sunday, Kingdom Stories – The Ten Bridesmaids ([Matthew 25:1-13 NLT](#))

**Sermon Recap:** The parable of the bridesmaids teaches us that the **wise watch & wait despite the delay**. This delay is a **known delay of unknown length**. They watch & wait **with Jesus**. They watch because it's **worth the wait**. Jesus calls us to a life with him while we wait for his return.

**Hook:** *These questions can help encourage conversation.*

1. When was the last time you were unprepared? What was the outcome?
2. What wedding tradition is most meaningful to you?

**Look:** *Read the sermon passage. Answer the following textual questions.*

3. According to verses 3-4, what distinguishes the wise bridesmaids from the foolish?
4. Why does the groom not open the door for the foolish bridesmaids?
5. At the end of the parable, what does Jesus command us to do? Why?
6. In reading Matt 1:23, 28:20 and 12:20, how do these verses shape how we wait with Jesus?

**Took:** *Applying the message to our lives.*

7. Do you feel like your light growing brighter or dimming? What is the cause?
8. How can we be intentional about waiting with Jesus and not on our own?
9. What role does community play in our waiting?
10. What can we hope for while we wait? What does it look like to hope now?

**Prayer/Verse:**

*And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.'* - Matthew 25:10-12