



Thats Not Fair_LG Questions Wk_7_Fall 2020

Ice Breaker: Have you ever ran out of gas and as a result ended up stranded?

Someone read Matthew 25:1-13 -

“At that time 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 took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ “ ‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Read John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Read Luke 9:23

Jesus said, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

- I. Five bridesmaids were considered foolish because they did not have enough oil for their lamps. Culturally that would be like you and I trying to reach a destination without having enough gas in our car while ignoring all the low fuel warnings. With this in mind, what do you think it means to be spiritually foolish?

2. Five bridesmaids were considered wise because they had enough oil for their lamps. What do you think it means to be a spiritually wise person within the context of this parable?
3. John 3:16 and Luke 9:23 speak to being spiritual wise. What does “believing” and “taking up your cross daily” look like in today’s world? How does a person know if they really “believe” or if they are really “taking up their cross daily” to follow Jesus?
4. Have you ever known someone who believes they are spiritually prepared because of their family heritage, church affiliation, a childhood experience or proximity to someone they perceive as spiritual? How would you explain to this person they are NOT spiritual prepared based upon this parable?
5. *The unprepared bridesmaids were told “I don’t know you” not “I no longer know you.” The groom’s refusal to admit them was not a callous rejection in the face of their desire to be a part of the celebration. Rather he refused to admit them because they had failed to prepare for the moment of his return. This suggests that not every professing Christian will enter heaven, for some really have not trusted Jesus Christ sincerely. Without the Spirit of God and humbling ourselves to the Word of God, there can be no true salvation. If we reason that no bridegroom would say that he did not know some of the invited guests, we miss the sting in the story. Jesus is not telling a story about something that actually happened; he is warning people of the dreadful fate of those who know that they should be spiritual prepared but did not do it. How does this make you feel?*

Prayer Activity: Spend a moment praying for those individuals who you think are NOT spiritually prepared and ask the Lord to reveal the truth to them. Pray that God might use you to be the person who makes the truth plain to them.