

Getting Started

1. Have you been to a wedding where something awkward happened? How did people react?
2. Are you a planner or do you like to take things as they come? Why?
3. How should our waiting for Jesus impact how we view the future?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 123:

Q. What does the second petition mean?

A. "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you.¹

Preserve your church and make it grow.²

Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word.³

Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.⁴

¹ Ps. 119:5, 105; 143:10; Matt. 6:33 ² Ps. 122:6-9; Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:42-47 ³ Rom. 16:20; 1 John 3:8 ⁴ Rom. 8:22-23; 1 Cor. 15:28; Rev. 22:17, 20

Last week we looked at this question as it relates to us helping God's kingdom come. Does this petition mean something different after this week's message?

6. Read the Matthew 24:45-51 & 25:14-30. These two parables surround the parable we have looked at today. How do they relate?
7. Read Matthew 25:31-46. What is the final judgment going to look like? Are the five foolish women the goats and the five wise the sheep?
8. Read Matthew 1:18-25. Does a better understanding of a marriage in Jesus' time help you understand what happens during the birth of Jesus better?

Application

9. Be prepared for Jesus' return, it will happen at any time. That means we wait expectantly for his return, but we also remain faithful in our work for the Lord. We do not know the day nor the hour of his return, so be ready.

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Parables of Jesus

“Are We There Yet?”

1 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.
Matthew 25:13

- Jesus may return _____; take care and be _____.
- Jesus may return in _____; do not grow _____ of doing good.
- Prepare for the long _____, remain _____, and be _____ and _____.

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