

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

'KEEP WATCH' WEEK 4

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What would you do if you found out you only had 38 minutes to live? How would you prioritize that time? Who would you want to talk to? What final decision would you want to make? In what ways would that time frame focus your preparation?

Read Matthew 25:1-13. What does this parable teach us about the importance of being prepared for the end? How would you characterize the life of someone who was fully prepared? What would that kind of lifestyle look like? What are some obstacles that keep us from living that way?

What is the main difference between the two sets of bridesmaids? Why is it significant that Jesus frames this in terms of wise/foolish rather than good/evil? What role does wisdom play in being ready for the end? In your opinion, what separates someone who is wise from someone who is foolish?

Read Psalm 90:12. How does having a sense of our own mortality create wisdom within us? As you have gotten older, how have you grown in this kind of wisdom? If you knew then what you knew now, how would it change the priorities/decisions you had when you were younger?

As Kyle pointed out, this lifetime is brief and eternity is forever. Why, then, do we get so hung up on the temporary things of this world? Why do we allow them to distract us from eternal life? How should the reality of eternity transform the way we face our day-to-day life?

Read James 4:13-17. How should the brevity of life motivate us to trust God? How should it motivate us to seize every opportunity we have to advance His Kingdom? Close your time in prayer together, asking God to give you the wisdom to use the time you have left for His purposes.