



## COMMITTED – COMMIT TO FINISH WELL

### Community Group Study Guide: Matthew 24-25 – Week of April 2, 2023

#### 1. Endure in Hope (24:1-14; 29-31)

One of the greatest blessings that we have in Christ is that we can look to the future with hope. We look forward and see that God will ultimately make all things new. Our hope is in both the sovereignty and the goodness of God, and that He has promised that everything works together for the good of those He has called. This faith that we have in God gives us hope, and it is this hope that allows us to endure regardless of the current circumstances. The fuel for our souls during trial and persecution is the hope of glory of God.

#### 2. Endure in Obedience (24:45-51)

In the parable, Jesus warns us to be a servant who is faithfully fulfilling the charge given to us by our master. We should not forgo faithfulness simply because our master is delayed. On the contrary, we are called to serve the Lord faithfully, as at any moment He may return. Our desire is that should Christ come, he would find us enduring obediently.

#### 3. Endure in Faith (25:1-13)

When Christ does return, our self-righteous works will not be sufficient to justify ourselves. The deciding factor will be our relationship with Him. Does Christ know us, and do we know Him? Just like we should faithfully pursue obedience to Christ, we likewise should urgently pursue a relationship with Him.

#### 4. Endure in Mission (25:14-30)

The parable that Jesus preaches is addressing more than just money. The faithful application of our talents includes all of what the Lord has given to us. Furthermore, we are to continue to faithfully use all our talents until the Master returns. The calling is for us to be making the most of the

### DISCUSSION GOALS

#### Head

Our faith is not a sprint, but a marathon. We are called to endure for the duration of our lives. As we run this race, we are to imitate Jesus in the manner of how we endure, so that through His strength we might finish well.

#### Heart

Trials and tribulation will impede our path. We must rejoice in all these circumstances, faithfully fulfilling all that the Lord has commanded us... trusting in His power and faithfulness.

#### Hands

Faithful obey all that the Lord has commanded us to do.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Good Friday Service  
4/7 @ 6pm

opportunities given to us by God, and to endure in the mission he has assigned us.

#### 5. Endure in Love (25:31-46)

In this parable, Jesus makes it clear that a day of reckoning will occur. Jesus asserts that the goats will be separated from the sheep based upon how they have loved other believers. The measure of how we love members of the family of God reflects how we love God. As we endure in all other areas of our lives, we should likewise endure in our steadfast love for one another.

1. **Read Matthew 24:1-14; 21-31** How do we find hope in this passage? How is hope essential to finishing well?
2. What warnings can we take from Matthew 24:1-14? How is this passage applicable to our lives today?
3. **Read Matthew 24:45-51** What is the primary message from this parable? What is the correct response/application of the primary message?
4. **Ready Matthew 25:1-13** What is the main point of this parable? How is it different from the parable in Matthew 24:45-51?
5. **Ready Matthew 25:14-30** Other than money, what areas do we have “talents” that can be used for the Masters glory? What does it look like to be faithful in these other areas?
6. **Read Matthew 25:31-46** How does a goat differ from a sheep? Why is the way that we treat members of the family of God so important?
7. What is the biggest challenge that you face to finishing your race well? How has/how can you be encouraged to finish well?