

This Level

Series: Infinite Life (message 4) **Date:** May 2/3, 2020

Intro:

- "I'm going to live forever with the decisions I make today."
- John 3:16
- The life we live today affects the life we live forever.

Matthew 25

We need to be ready with our own faith.

We are to be busy about God's work, it affects our eternal lives.

- 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

COVID-19 Impact Survey: We want to hear how COVID-19 has impacted our Olive Branch family, so would you mind taking a few minutes to let us know? Use [this link](#) or text IMPACT to 951-382-5111.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Up to this point in your life, what have you had to work the hardest at waiting for? (Think: engagement, degree, promotion, children, etc.) How did you handle, or how are you handling, the waiting process?
2. **Read Matthew 25:1-13.** What characteristics, both stated or implied, make some of the virgins “foolish” and others “wise”? How do we see these same foolish or wise actions in our own spiritual preparation?
3. **Read Matthew 25:14-30.** How do you feel if you don’t have as much money as someone else? How do you keep from getting discouraged if you don’t have as many resources or natural abilities as others?
4. What would it look like for you to “bury” the things God has given you? What do you need to change about your attitudes or actions so that Jesus will say to you, “Well done, good and faithful servant”?
5. **Read Matthew 25:31-46.** What basic human needs are met by the sheep? In what ways are you meeting these basic needs for others (or how could you start)?
6. What needs exist around you right now that you or your group could meet this week?
7. In Matthew 25:13, Jesus reminds His followers that “you don’t know either the day or the hour” that He will return. How does a sense of urgency for Jesus’ return affect the way we live day to day and the way we relate to other people?

PRAYER

MEMORIZE

*“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’” **Matthew 25:40** ESV*