

Participant Guide

Are We Ready? Preparing for Jesus' Return

Welcome to the 8-week series! Use the spaces provided under each section to jot down your thoughts, prayers, and reflections as we dive into what it means to actively wait for Christ's return.

Module 1: Spiritual Vigilance

Week 1: Keep Your Lamp Full

The Big Idea: True readiness requires us to take personal responsibility for the health of our own faith; 1. we can't rely on someone else's relationship with God 2. we can't be turning to Jesus at the last minute i.e., when He returns

Context: This parable draws on a first-century Jewish wedding custom: the bridegroom would arrive — often unpredictably — to bring the bride to the wedding feast. Attendants were expected to be ready with lit lamps whenever he showed up.

Read: Matthew 25:1-13

The Word: Matthew 25:1-13

What does "oil" represent in our modern lives?

Why couldn't the wise virgins share theirs?

Reflection:

Thinking back to what you said "oil" represents — where in your own life do you sense that running low these days?

What are the practical, daily habits that keep your spiritual lamp full?

The Challenge:

Commit to 15 minutes of uninterrupted, daily communion with God this week (prayer, worship, or reading) to actively "get oil" for your lamp. (Come back next week ready to share how it went.)

Action Steps...
