



## How to use Pod Talk:

Talking through the Bible during the week helps us practice what we are learning. Read the Sunday Bible passage, discuss what you notice, share what God is inviting you to apply to your life, and wrap up with prayer. (SOAP)

## Sermon Main Idea:

God's people are to prepare for the Lord's return by following His word and doing His will.

## Introduction:

1. What can keep people from being ready for Christ's return?
2. When have you not been prepared for something important?

## SOAP:

**Scripture** | read Matthew 25:1-13 and relate last week's daily bible readings

**Observation** | what do we notice? what stands out?

1. What is the setting for the parable? (24:1-3; 25:1)
2. What does "At that time..." refer to? (vs. 1)
3. Describe the similarities and the differences between the five wise and five foolish virgins. (vs. 1-12)
4. If this parable is primarily an allegory, what could the elements of the story represent? (vs. 1-12)
5. If this parable is not primarily an allegory, what messages could Jesus be teaching? (vs. 1-12)
6. How does Jesus sum up the parable? (vs. 13)

**Application** | what can we apply to our life today?

1. What do we learn about God and His Kingdom from the parable and ending statement in verse 13?
2. What are some of the things Jesus was teaching through this parable?
3. What warning or encouragement do you hear the Lord giving you through this parable?
4. If a teaching of the parable is to mingle God's word with good works, how can you apply that?
5. This week how can you keep going further Up, in your relationship with God? In, in your relationship with those in the church? Or, Out, in your relationship with those outside the church?

**Prayer** | ask God to help you live out your application

## Last Week's Daily Bible Readings

Monday, 3/25 – Psalm 45:6-7

Sunday, 3/31 – Matthew 25:1-13

Tuesday, 3/26 – Matthew 20:17-34

Wednesday, 3/27 – Matthew 21:18-22

Thursday, 3/28 – Matthew 21:23-27

Friday, 3/29 – Matthew 21:28-32

Saturday, 3/30 – Matthew 21:33-46