

## Matthew 25; John 12:20-50 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From Matt 25:31-46 what will Jesus do when He returns (v31, 32-33, 34, 41)? What will make the difference (v35-40, 42-46)? How can we apply this to our lives?</p>	
<p>5. In John 12:20-26 who came to see Jesus (v20-22) and how did He respond (v23)? Why? How did He explain His “hour” (v23, 24) and how does He relate it to us (v25-26)? Explain.</p>	
<p>6. Read John 12:27-30. How did Jesus feel and how did He respond (v27, 28)? How did God respond to Him (v28)? What did the crowd think (v29) and what did Jesus tell them (v30)?</p>	
<p>7. Based on John 12:31-36a what 2 things were about to happen (v31, 32) and what did this mean (33)? What question did this cause (v34) and how did Jesus answer (v35-36a)?</p>	
<p>8. From John 12:36b-43 what did Jesus do next (v36b) and why (v37)? How did Isaiah explain the Jews’ rejection (v38, 39-40, 41)? What was a reason that others rejected Him (v42-44)?</p>	
<p>9. In John 12:44-47 to what does belief in Jesus equate (v44-45) and what is the result (v46)? What was Jesus’ purpose (v47) and how does He relate to those who reject Him (v47)?</p>	
<p>10. Using John 12:48-50 who judges those who reject Jesus and on what basis (v48)? Why (v49)? Why did Jesus speak for the Father (v50) and how does this reveal His heart?</p>	
<p>11. Using Matt 25 summarize 3 ways to be prepared for the Lord’s return. From John 12 write down what caused the Jews to reject Jesus and how Jesus responded to this. How can we avoid their example and apply His?</p>	

### Scripture to Remember

“Truly, truly I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains by itself, alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.”

**John 12:24 (NASV)**

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### Life Group Questions—Fellowship of the King (Acts 1:12-26)

*(Using questions from Sunday’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Think of some group—social, spiritual, or otherwise—that you have been in where you really felt a connection. Why do you think that was true?
2. Scan Acts 1:12-26. Where did the disciples go after Jesus left and what was their task (see Acts 1:4)? What did they actually do — and do you think this was okay?
3. Talk about the necessity of conversion for fellowship with the King. What does it mean that salvation comes by grace alone, faith alone and Christ alone?
4. Discuss why conversion must be based on a biblical understanding of who God is, who we truly are, and who Jesus truly is. How does this lead to God’s glory?
5. Why do you think the disciples devoted themselves to prayer as they waited in the upper room and how did this lead to fellowship? How can we apply this today?
6. Review how the apostles replaced Judas—leadership qualities, vision, and the selection process. What important role does leadership play in the fellowship of the King?
7. Share about anything else meaningful from the message if you have time.



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### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

## Missed It By *That* Much!

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The funny fictional spy, Maxwell Smart, was known for bungling his golden opportunities. When this occurred he would often say, “I missed it by *that* much”, referring to the space between his thumb and index finger. In this week’s study Jesus addressed some groups of people who missed their golden opportunity for experiencing the blessings of life with God by “that” much. People can seem so close, but miss the life of God completely. In Matt 25 readiness for the return of Jesus is encouraged in three stories. In the first, as ten virgins wait for the wedding to begin their oil runs out. The five who were wise had extra oil, but the five foolish ones were out buying oil when the Bridegroom came and went. Jesus point was to be ready at all times, because

when He returns it will be too late. Next, Jesus told of two servants who invested their Master’s resources while He was gone wisely and a third who buried them in the ground. While the first two were blessed upon His return, the third was cast into outer darkness, showing that God’s true servants utilize what He has entrusted to them while they await His return. The third story revealed the basis of God’s final judgment; those who treated Him well by treating others well in His name will receive eternal glory. Conversely, those who neglected the least of His brothers would receive eternal punishment. Next, in John 12, Jesus is seen wrapping up His earthly ministry when Greeks come to see Him. This signaled that the time of the Gentiles was at hand. Even



**Jesus’ one solitary life changed the course of mankind for eternity.**

though troubled, He purposed to experience His “hour”, because death is the way to life for all. However, the people still didn’t accept Him and His crucifixion, so this rejection is explained in the last section. God had blinded the eyes of the Jews because they refused to believe in Jesus, thus rejecting Him. Some Jews rejected Him because they loved others’ approval more. Either way Jesus would not judge them, because He came to save. Rather, their own words would provide the basis of their judgment by the Father. They missed the kingdom by “that” much.

## Study Questions for Matthew 25; John 12:20-50

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study\\_questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study_questions))

1. Read Matt 25:1-13. What did the wise and foolish virgins do (v1, 2-4)? What occurred (v5-7) and how did this affect the wise and foolish (v8-9)? What was the result (v10-12) and Jesus’ point (v13)? Apply.	
2. Using Matt 25:14-23 outline Jesus’ story (v14-15, 16-18, 19-23, 24-28). What is the same and what is different about the slaves and the Master’s response?	
3. Based on Matt 25:24-30 how did the 3rd slave view the Master (God) and how did God evaluate him (v26, 30)? Why? What is the overall teaching, positively and negatively, of this parable?	

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