

1) Read the passage Matthew 25v1-13

(As you do, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you and guide you through it)

Discuss your initial reactions to this parable:

i) *What emotions and feelings does it stir up within you?*

ii) *Is there anything that specifically challenges you from this parable?*

iii) *Do you automatically think about yourself, or do you think of others?*

2) Some further questions for discussion:

Before going through these questions, ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and ask him to highlight specific areas of importance that are relevant for you.

i) *How often do you think about Jesus returning?*

ii) *How does the thought of Jesus’ return make you feel?*

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| - Excited | - Scared | |
| - Expectant | - Unsure | |
| - Joyful | - Intimidated | |
| - Nervous | - Not bothered | |
| - Worried | - Overwhelmed | (You may want to add some others) |

iii) *Does His return impact and shape the way you live? If so, how?*

iv) *What needs to change for you to live in an eager expectation of Jesus’ arrival?*

v) *Have you ever thought what it will be like when you see Jesus face to face?*

vi) *Are you prepared and ready to meet Him face to face?*

3) When was the day that Jesus saved you? (Reflect on that moment)

That was the day that guaranteed, sealed and booked your place at the wedding banquet, where you will be face to face with Jesus in utter bliss for all eternity!

As a friend once said to me, you “*got yourself a ticket to Heavens eternal party*”

4) Prayer time:

Spend some time worshipping and praising Jesus, thanking him for who he is, and for what he has done for you! (Read John 3v16 to help you do this.)

Please Pray:

Please pray for **Newday** which is on **Mon 13th - Sat 18th August**: Pray for good weather during the week. Pray that the young people going will meet with God, have fun and get on well together. Please pray for their leaders Jack and Rachel - that God will provide them with the energy that they will need for the week.

Leaders: Pray for Rich, Chris and Andy - for their families, their health and for wisdom to lead. Also pray for the wider leadership team and that we will become stronger in leaders.

Notices:

Jack will be preaching at South Malling Church on **Sunday 22nd July**

Newday is on **Mon 13th - Sun 19th August**. Newday is a major youth event for 12-19 year olds with thousands of young people. Please speak to Jack if you haven't booked in yet.

'Glory' Prophecy Conference, Horsham, Saturday 20th October. This is a conference for those who long to experience the presence and glory of God. Tickets are available to buy online. For more information and to purchase tickets visit **www.kch.eventbrite.com**