

April 17 - Week 15 – Questions to Consider
Matthew 25 ~ Matthew 26 ~ Mark 14 ~ Luke 22 ~ John 13

Fun Small Group Warm Up Question:

If you could eat anything for lunch what would it be?

1. Has anyone ever called you foolish or stupid? What did that feel like? Has anyone called you wise or smart? How did that encourage you? What is the difference between the “foolish” and the “wise” virgins in Matthew 25:1-13? How does that apply to us today?
2. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) several servants are entrusted by the master with His resources. What resources has God entrusted to you? How does seeing this description of resources, accountability, reward, and punishment affect your perspective on life? How might it affect our priorities this week?
3. Read Matthew 25:34. How does this encourage you? What was the evidence of their salvation?
4. Read Matthew 25:41. How does this affect you? What was the evidence of their lostness?
5. God warns us in 1 Corinthians 10:12–13 “Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. [13] No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it” (ESV). Considering Matthew 26 (Judas’ betrayal, Peter’s denial, and the disciples’ abandonment of Jesus), how might Satan, the world or your flesh tempt you to abandon Jesus? Before you were saved, how were you held captive apart from Christ? How has God changed you since then? What ways is God providing you to escape and endure temptations today?
6. Jesus replies to His enemies’ attacks with silence, boldness, rebuke, and wise questions. What temptations do we face when we are attacked by enemies? How can we prepare for and respond better the next time we are confronted by evil?
7. Read Mark 14:3-9. Why is what this woman did so “beautiful”? How does the world see Christian living as “wasteful”? In what beautiful ways do we worship Jesus?
8. Luke 22:3 says “Satan entered into Judas.” Did the devil make Judas betray Jesus? Or did Judas already belong to Satan as evidence by his ongoing sin of theft? (John 12:6)

More questions at: www.southfork.church/2022-discussion-questions

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- John 10:14–18 “I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

4. Jesus Loves His

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His Love, His Life, His Restoration

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This Next Week’s New Testament Reading Plan:

Week 16: John 14 ~ John 15 ~ John 16 ~ John 17 ~ John 18

- **Hope & Purpose in Jesus:** www.southfork.church/jesus
- **Daily Verse by Text Message:** remind.com/join/sfbcdevo
- **Our Plan:** www.southfork.church/2022-bible-reading-plan

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