

1. Opening Prayer

2. Intro: The Kingdom of God “Already” and “Not Yet”

“Repent, the Kingdom of God is near!” (Mark 1:15, Matthew 4:17, Luke 10:9)

a. Already

Matthew 11:12, 12:28, Luke 7:36-50, 11:20, 16:16, 17:21, Mark 2:9-12

b. Not Yet

Matthew 7:21, 24:1-25, 25:46, Mark 9:47, 10:23-27, 13:1-37, Luke 21:5-38

How shall we understand double-sidedness of the Kingdom of God?

3. Let us read Matthew 25

4. Discussion I: Verses 1-13

a. Do you see any difference between Matthew 13 and 25?

b. How does your bible translate verse 1, especially the first adverb?

c. What do you think the lamps imply?

d. Why do you think the foolish bridesmaids didn't prepare enough oil?

e. Why do you think the wise bridesmaids didn't share the oil with the foolish ones?

f. What do you think this parable told to the community of Matthew?

5. Discussion II: Verses 14-30

a. Do you see any surprise in this parable?

b. What was the problem of the slave with one talent?

c. Does verse 29 remind you of anything?

d. From those good and trustworthy slaves, what can we learn?

e. What do you think this parable told to the community of Matthew?

## 6. Discussion III: Verses 31-46

- a. Who would be the least ones or the king's brothers as mentioned verse 40?
- b. Why were the people on the left cursed? Did they commit something really bad?
- c. Can we see in this parable any view on salvation such as synergism?

## 7. Closing Prayer