

Creekside Community Church  
Matthew: Return of the King  
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**What Are You Waiting For? (Matthew 24:45-25:13)**

**1. Our Labor Reveals What We're Waiting for (Matthew 24:45-51)**

**2. Our Longings Reveal What We're Waiting for (Matthew 25:1-13)**

**For further thought and discussion:**

**Getting Started**

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?

2. When was the last time you had to wait for something longer than you anticipated?  
What were you waiting for? What did you do while you waited?

### **Going Deeper**

3. In Matthew 24:36-25:46, Jesus responds to a question posed by the disciples. What's their question (24:3)? What's Jesus' response (see v. 36)? What features do these two parables (24:45-51; 25:1-13) have in common (see 24:48; 25:5)? How do these parables build on Jesus' statement in v. 36?
4. What does (and doesn't) it mean for believers to "watch" for Christ's return (25:13)? What are the dangers of misunderstanding Jesus' command to be vigilant?
5. Why are the wise women unwilling to share their oil with the foolish women (25:8-9)? What point about discipleship is Jesus making here?

### **Application**

6. Jeff talked about the differences between an owner mindset and a manager mindset. What are the differences between these mindsets? Where do you need to change your mindset from that of an owner to a manager?
7. How can we rely *too* much on other people for our own growth as disciples? Where do you fall prey to this? What can you do to cultivate a deeper longing for Christ, and his return?
8. What's one thing you can do this week to apply this passage?

