

Adult Bible Discovery- November 8, 2020:

For Starters:

Are you the type of person who takes a long time to get ready?

If you are not, do you live with someone who does?

Why do you think some people take so long to get ready?

The readings for weeks after All Saints Day often point to the second coming of Christ and the call to be prepared.

How do Christians prepare for Jesus' return?

Why is it important to prepare?

Read Matthew 25:1-13

- *What parts of the text spoke to you?*
- *What questions do you have after reading this text?*

The Gospel readings for the last few weeks of the Church year can be confusing. As you continue to wrestle with the text today I invite you to watch a video from theologian and Hebrew scholar Chad Bird who unpacks this text a bit for us. He asks, how does the parable of the wise and foolish virgins connect with the flood and exodus? Did the virgins have lamps or torches? Why would the wise not share their oil with the fools? What is the purpose of the bridegroom's delay?

Watch the video: <https://youtu.be/9wbQqe2KT4Y>

How do each of the following points help you understand this text better?

- *God is never in a rush for judgement.*
- *The difference between the foolish and the wise.*
- *Yahweh is the bridegroom of Israel/Christ is the bridegroom of the Church.*
- *Eternity will be a feast/banquet/party.*