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Facilitation Guide



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Introduction to WOW! with Friends

“WOW!” is short for Women of Witness. “WOW! with Friends” is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- **Online sermonette**
- **Facilitation guide**
- **E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.**
- **E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.**

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

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Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!





Format of Facilitation Guide

1. Introduction & Focus points	Facilitator can introduce “WOW! with Friends” and share the focus points with the group.
2. Watch Video Sermonette	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
3. Key Scripture & Elaboration	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
4. Discussion Questions	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
5. Challenge	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
6. Closing & Prayer	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



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Speaker: Pastor Lynette Li

Sermonette: Make sure you have more than enough oil!

Introduction

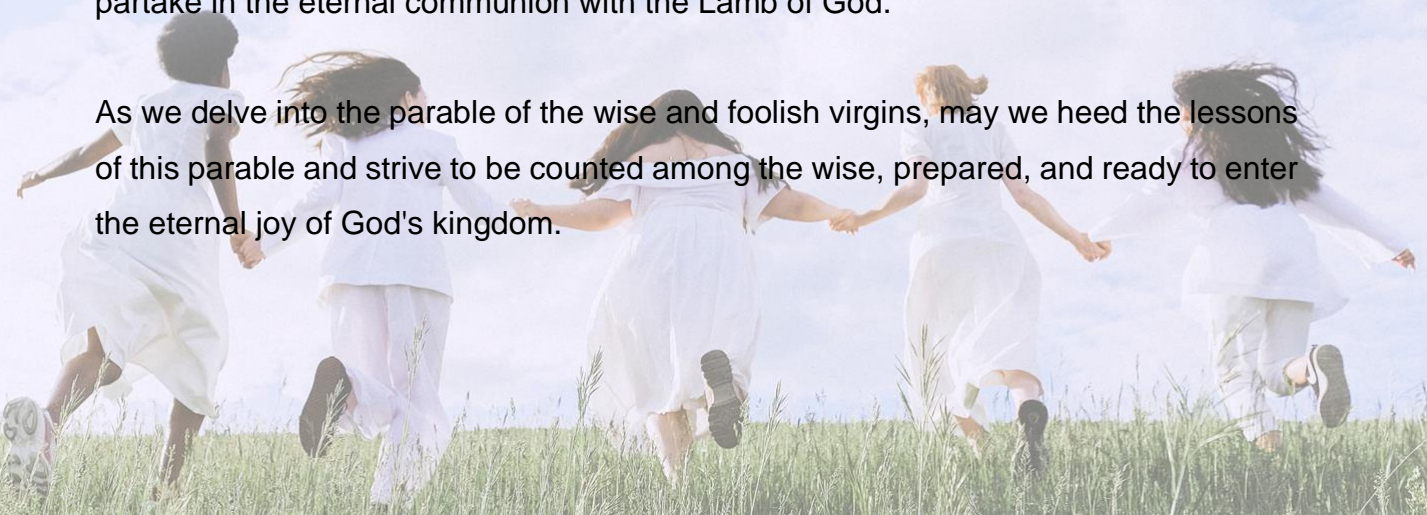
In Matthew 24-25, Jesus delivers the Olivet Discourse on the Mount of Olives, addressing His disciples' questions about His coming and the end of the age. Jesus speaks about various signs, warnings, and instructions regarding His return and the establishment of His kingdom.

The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins is found in Matthew 25 verses 1 to 13, Jesus uses this parable to illustrate spiritual truths about readiness and faithfulness in anticipation of His second coming. While Jesus was indeed speaking to His disciples during the Olivet Discourse, His timeless message is extended to all believers emphasizing the importance of spiritual preparedness and watchfulness in our Christian walk.

“Let us be glad and rejoice, and let us give honor to him. For the time has come for the wedding feast of the Lamb, and his bride has prepared herself. She has been given the finest of pure white linen to wear.” For the fine linen represents the good deeds of God’s holy people. And the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding feast of the Lamb.” And he added, “These are true words that come from God.” - Revelation 19:7-9

Christ is looking for a Bride and we must seek to be a part of that company of believers who will make up His heavenly Bride. Profound joy awaits those who are prepared to partake in the eternal communion with the Lamb of God.

As we delve into the parable of the wise and foolish virgins, may we heed the lessons of this parable and strive to be counted among the wise, prepared, and ready to enter the eternal joy of God's kingdom.



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Focus Points

1. Buy now.
2. Buying Oil.
3. There can be delays.

Watch Video Sermonette

[Click here to watch video sermonette](#)





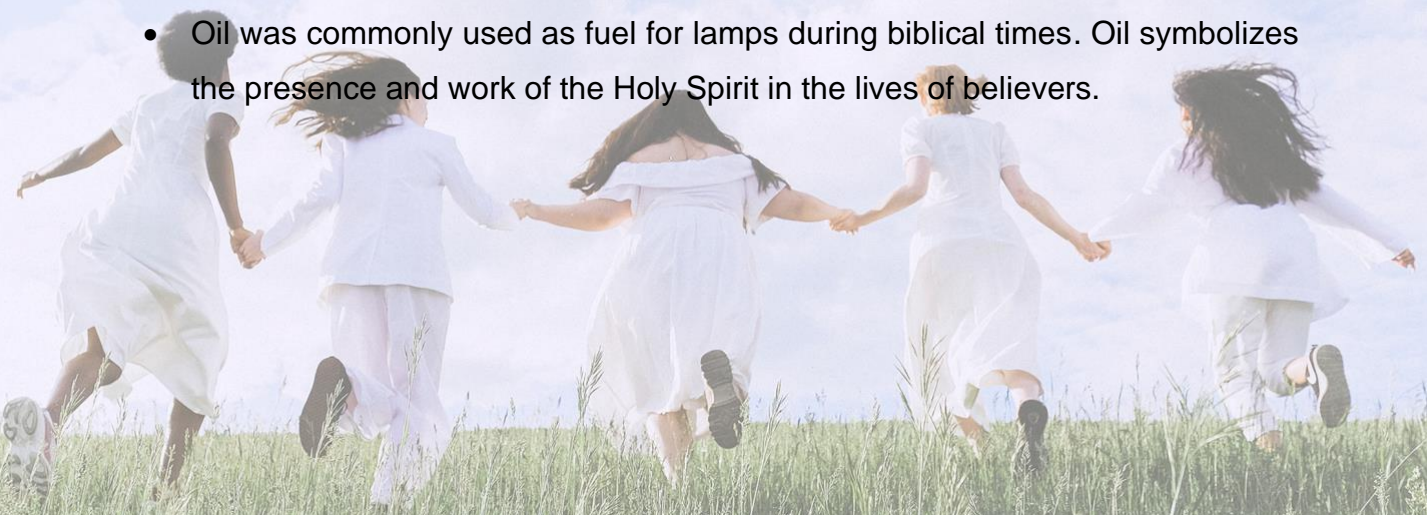
Key Scripture & Elaboration

- The Parable of the Wise and Foolish Virgins

¹ “Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. ³ Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵ But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. ⁶ “And at midnight a cry was heard: ‘Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!’ ⁷ Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. ¹¹ “Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, Lord, open to us!’ ¹² But he answered and said, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ “Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

- Matthew 25:1-13 (NKJV)

- All ten virgins were anticipating the arrival of the Bridegroom, each equipped with lamps and oil and they fell asleep while waiting. The key difference was their preparation—the wise had a reserve of oil, while the foolish did not. Having a lamp was not enough, without oil, the lamp is unable to fulfill its purpose to bring illumination.
- Oil was commonly used as fuel for lamps during biblical times. Oil symbolizes the presence and work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

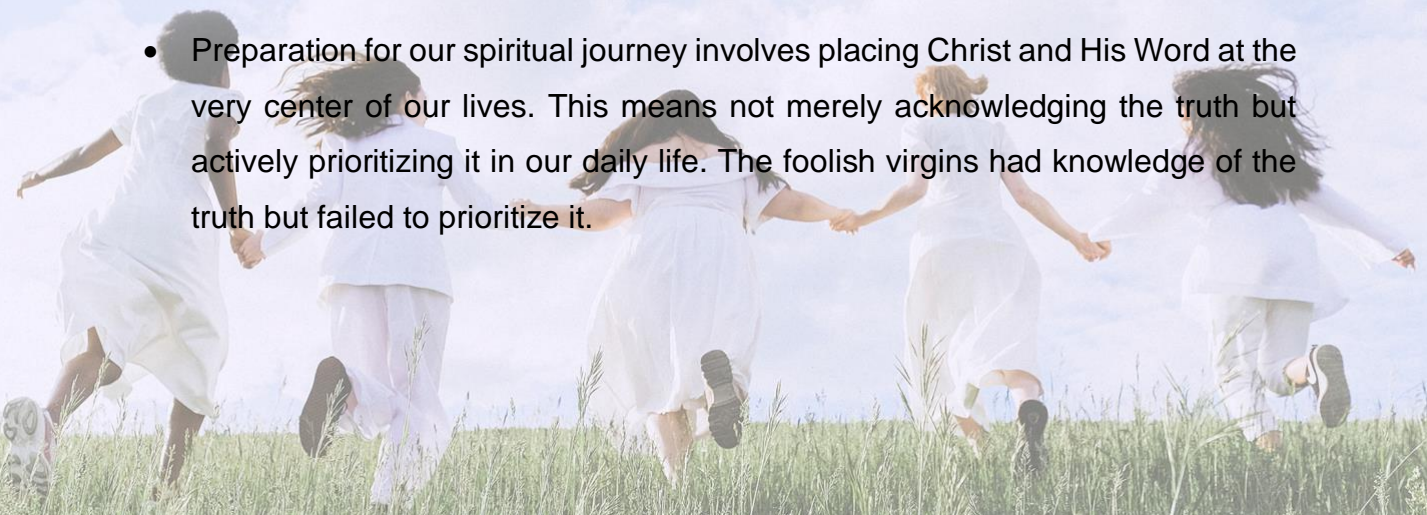


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- Without the Holy Spirit, or the "oil" we are like empty lamps. The imagery of the lamps running out of oil serves as a powerful reminder to have a constant infilling of the Holy Spirit.
- *⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.*
- Romans 8:9 (NKJV)
- If the Spirit of God dwells in you, you belong to Christ. Through our salvation, God sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in our hearts. We are called to be vessels for His Glory and to shine brightly for Him.
- *¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."*
- Romans 1:17 (NKJV)
- Being prepared is a key doctrine on the journey towards eternal life. God wants every generation to grow in faith and readiness for the day when He returns for His Bride.
- The time factor is crucial. Being prepared for eternity is not a future event, it starts now. The urgency of preparation is emphasized, and immediate action is required. Jesus instructs us to buy the reserve of oil now, without delay.
- Waiting until the last minute, like the foolish virgins is risky. If we do not align with God's standards today, we risk missing the mark in the future.
- Preparation for our spiritual journey involves placing Christ and His Word at the very center of our lives. This means not merely acknowledging the truth but actively prioritizing it in our daily life. The foolish virgins had knowledge of the truth but failed to prioritize it.

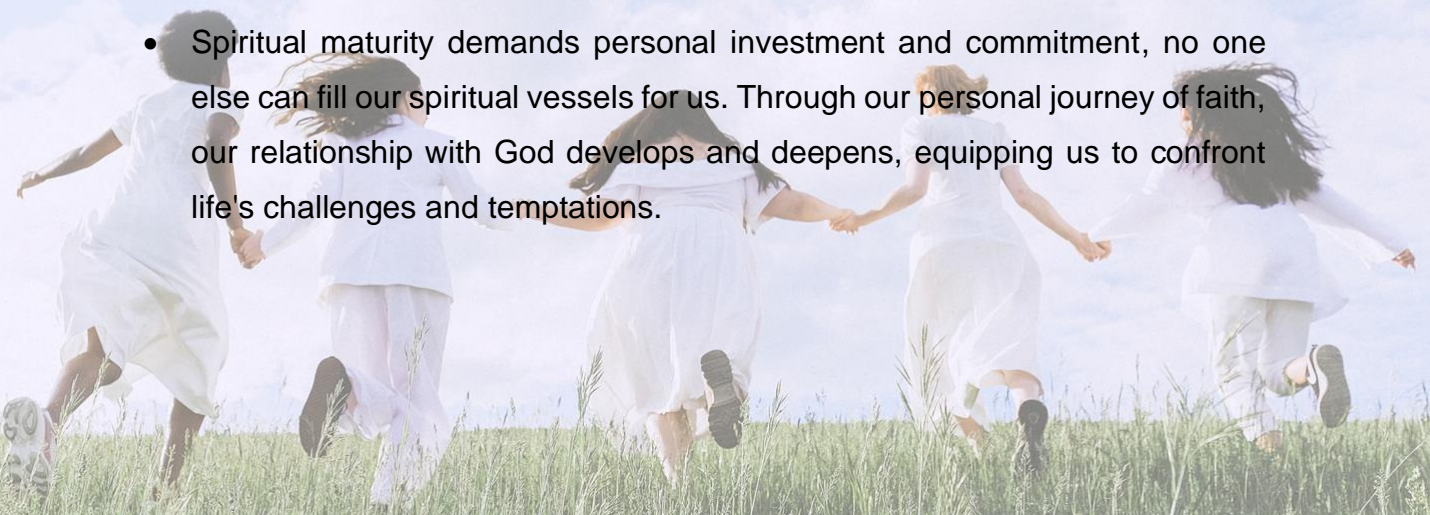


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- Verse 10 tells us the oil needs to be bought, it is not freely given. Likewise, there is a price to pay in the continual infilling of the Holy Spirit. This cost is not a monetary one but a spiritual one.
- Buying oil involves abiding in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. It is a willingness to surrender our lives to Christ, to trust Him completely, and to walk in obedience to His Word.
- *²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.*
- Matthew 16:24 (NKJV)
- God is the exclusive supplier of this oil and every one of us must go to Him. Every ounce of oil is acquired by yielding and dedicating ourselves in Christ through waiting in prayer, bible reading, waiting on God, intercession, works, word, and worship.
- The cost of following Christ is akin to purchasing gold from Him. Just as gold is refined by fire, our faith is strengthened and purified through the trials we encounter. This process of testing and refining shapes us into vessels fit for the Holy Spirit's indwelling and empowers us to live victoriously in Christ.
- *⁷ that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.*
- 1 Peter 1:7 (NKJV)
- Spiritual maturity demands personal investment and commitment, no one else can fill our spiritual vessels for us. Through our personal journey of faith, our relationship with God develops and deepens, equipping us to confront life's challenges and temptations.

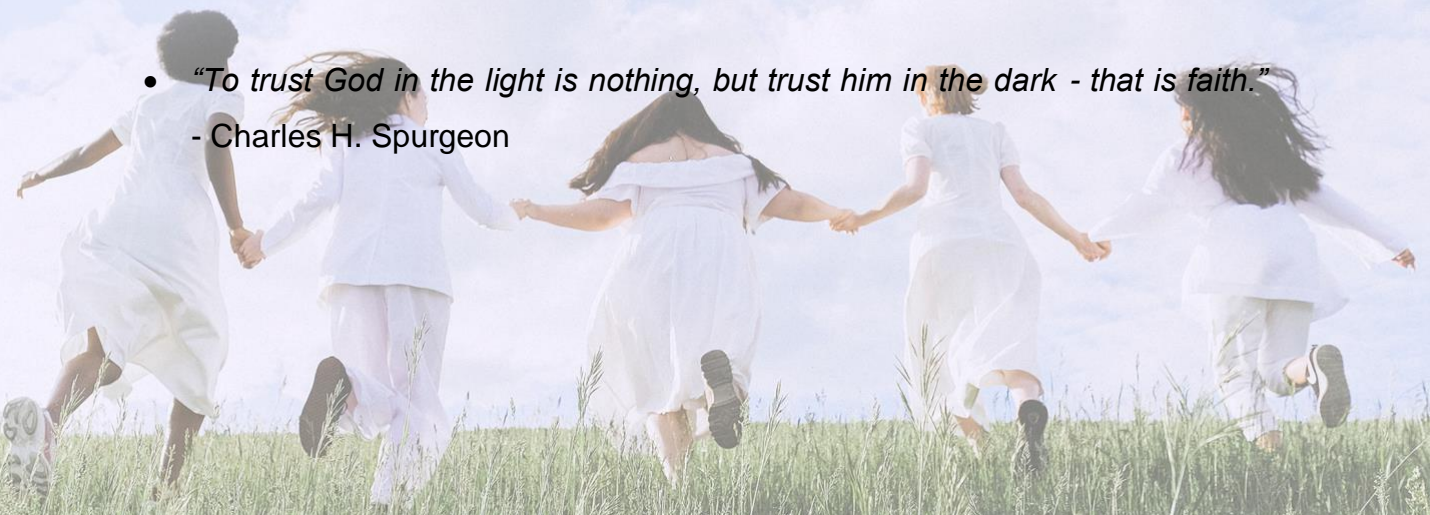


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- The unpredictable element to the story was the unforeseen delay which led to weariness, causing all the virgins to fall asleep.
- Waiting can be exhausting and can tempt us to give up on the promised reward. However, waiting is a refining process that shapes our desires and strengthens our faith.
- *¹⁴ Wait on the Lord;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the Lord!*
- Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)
- When we faithfully and persistently wait on God, our motives and faith are refined. God operates on perfect timing, not rushing but fulfilling His promises at the right time.
- In seasons of waiting for God's answer or intervention, do not lose hope. Jesus will return, despite the delay. Stay vigilant and prepared, even if it means bearing daily burdens. Avoid complacency and carelessness to ensure your lamp is filled with oil. God will fulfill His promises and He will return. Stay steadfast in faith.
- *⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.*
- James 5:7-8 (NKJV)
- *"To trust God in the light is nothing, but trust him in the dark - that is faith."*
- Charles H. Spurgeon





Discussion Questions

1. Share examples of when you felt spiritually prepared or unprepared. What lessons did you learn from those experiences?
2. What practical steps can we take to ensure that our lamps are always filled with oil and burning brightly for Christ?

Challenge

1. Take a step at a time to grow in preparedness. Challenge yourself to live each day with a sense of urgency and purpose, embracing opportunities to love, serve, and glorify God in every aspect of your life.
2. Keep track of how it affects your day or week. If you can prepare in these small ways, you will be better equipped for bigger challenges. Reflect and share with your friends how these small changes make a difference.

Closing

We must recognize the importance of preparing to become His Bride. Let us be ready for His arrival whenever He may choose to come for us. And be intentional about nurturing our relationship with God, ensuring that our lamps are always filled. Make sure you have more than enough oil!

Prayer

1. Pray and encourage one another to stay prepared and watchful for the coming of our Bridegroom. (Matthew 25:13)
2. Pray for one another to have endurance and hope during seasons of waiting, trusting in God's perfect timing and remaining steadfast in faith. (Psalm 31:24)

