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## WELCOME TO THE NEW TERM

Do you like the new image on this page? It's carefully chosen to represent how much we need each other in this season of time. We need to be pulling together to go forward – everyone in synch with each other. Stay in the boat, pull together, encourage one another & stay in sync. Your team needs you. Smooth, glassy waters or wild winds and rapids - keep paddling & you will advance.

We are not able to gather in the hall yet, so your meetings, over Zoom or in-person, are ESSENTIAL to all of us. It is hard, after a day of screens, to meet up with others over another screen, but it is key to guard our hearts and souls in fellowship and prayer with others.

### We have simplified

Following our cell leaders meeting last term – we have substantially simplified our cell leader notes and our communication with you.

- Our weekly DISCOVERY study will be linked again to the message on a Sunday so you will find the background information to the Scripture in the message. The message can be downloaded, on demand, from our YouTube channel. Here's the link: [ESCC You Tube Channel](#). This will link what's preached on a Sunday and what's spoken about in your cell meeting.
- The DISCOVER questions are focused on SCRIPTURE only. Our role is to guide each person to self-discover what the Holy Spirit is saying to you. The Holy Spirit is the teacher! God's gifts to us are forgiveness, mercy and grace. Our gift to Him is our obedience to His Word and His Spirit.
- These one-page notes will be available to everyone through our website and can be accessed after the Sunday service. Click here to find them: [Cell Resources Portal](#) This will substantially decrease the number of WhatsApp messages we are sending you. You can download onto any device or read directly off the website.
- Our next leaders meeting is **Wed, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. Please diarise as we value your commitment to this meeting. Your feedback is essential, and we love the opportunity to strengthen our relationship with you and encourage you.

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# One Day is Today

## Matthew 25:1-13

### The Parable of the Ten Virgins

<sup>1</sup> “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup> The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

<sup>6</sup> “At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

<sup>7</sup> “Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

<sup>9</sup> “‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup> “But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup> “Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

<sup>12</sup> “But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

<sup>13</sup> “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

1. What are you thankful for? (*Introduces people to true worship of God*)
2. How are you or people you know struggling and how can this group help? (*Introduces authentic community and ministry*)
3. Did you do what you committed to do last time? (*Introduces testimony and faith*)
4. What does the Scripture today say to you? (*Introduces the Holy Spirit as the teacher*)
5. What does this passage mean to you? (*Introduces hearing God through the Word*)
6. How will you obey? (*Introduces obedience-based faith – not head knowledge “If you love me, you will obey me”*)
7. Who will you tell? (*Introduces multiplication and movement so that urban area can be reached*)

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