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## A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

### Go Deeper Study Guide

**R.O.J.** | Matthew 25:1-30

Pastor Bob DuPar • March 6 - March 12, 2022

#### Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group. If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: [www.cbcventura.org](http://www.cbcventura.org)

#### Going Deeper

Re-read **Matthew 25:1-30**. Try comparing two different translations. Take some time as a group discussing your observations.

Read **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**. Talk about the difference between **Christ's Second Coming** catching us like a thief-in-the-night or like a fiancé returning unannounced to claim his bride!

There are 2 stories/parables in our passage. What elements do both have in common? Are there differences? Who are the people: *the bridegroom*, *the virgins*, *the servants*, *the master*... What does each represent?

What aspects of **Jewish Wedding Culture** do we find in the first story? How is this similar to what will happen at Christ's Second Coming?

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How is the theme of **responsibility** emphasized in each story? What does it mean for us to be prepared, to stay alert, to take personal responsibility?

There's a phrase in **verse 15** that draws us into accountability. What is it? How does it accomplish this effect?

How is the theme of **ownership** reflected in each of the stories? Explain. What's our part in the **salvation process**? Read Luke 13 :24-27 & **Revelation 3:7-8**.

In your opinion, what does it mean to enter into our **Master's joy**? How can we do this?

#### Application

How can you prepare yourself this week for Christ's Return? What does it mean for you to *stay awake, be alert/watchful*?

#### Prayer

How can your group pray for you?





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Worship: **Britney Christian Miller**

Song List

- He Is Faithful
- Even So Come
- Great Are You Lord
- Holy Spirit
- Christ Is Enough



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### Financial Update thru February 27, 2022

|                      |                   |                 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Contributions        | Budgeted Expenses | Actual Expenses |
| \$72,469.28          | \$96,057.70       | \$94,466.73     |
| Offering for 2/27/22 | Weekly Needs      |                 |
| \$5,331.00           | \$10,673.08       |                 |

### Fund Balances thru January 31, 2022

|              |             |             |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| General      | Benevolence | Building    |
| \$172,507.00 | \$1,086.00  | \$29,883.00 |

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### Initial Insights

There's a financial term called **R. O. I.** which stands for "return on investment." Today's passage is really about **R. O. J.** - "return on joy!" We're called to exercise responsibility and ownership, and to joyfully use our God-given gifts to further His Kingdom. It's in the exercising of our gifts that we enter into joy; and, one day, into the fullness of God's joy!

I see three main themes in our passage today...

- RESPONSIBILITY
- OWNERSHIP
- ENTERING GOD'S JOY

### Closing Comments

