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# Matthew Chapter 25

## 1. Warm-up (5-10 min)

Choose one:

- a. What kind of person are you? Outgoing, introverted, athletic, intellectual, girly girl, Tom-boy, He-man or what? Ask your friends and youth leaders to describe how they see you in a positive way.

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- b. Talk about your goals in life. What you want to accomplish in high school: sports and recreational activities you want to pursue, academic goals and other dreams. Then talk about what profession you want to pursue when you are an adult. Talk about why these things interest you.

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## 2. Engaging the Chapter (15-20 min)

In this chapter Jesus continues the end-time scenarios, but now through parables. The main points are: are you prepared to meet Jesus or just living your life, are you using the talents God gave you to help others learn about Him, and the judgment is real and it's coming. Read Revelation 14:6-12 and see how many similarities you can find. Does it ever seem like the Bible says a lot of the same things over and over but in different ways? Matthew 24, Matthew 25, and Revelation 14 all seem to have a similar end-time theme don't they? Can you think of any other prophecies, teachings and narratives that also have this theme?

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Why do you think the Bible approaches the same topic from so many angles? Do you think that Jesus is intentionally trying to reach every person from every background with all kinds of different mindsets and personalities and possible? Why/why not?

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Of the 3 end-time passages listed here which one makes the most sense to you? Why? Which one is the most difficult for you to understand? Why do you think that is?

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Do you think it is important for every person to understand every end-time scenario passage in the Bible or should we each focus mainly on the ones that make the most sense to us? Why/why not?

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**3. Applying the Chapter to Your Life (5-10 min)**

Think through your favorite passages of scripture and try to determine which books of the Bible speak to you the most clearly. Ask your friends, youth leaders, parents and pastor to help you try and determine where you would be most likely to spend more time in scripture based on your interests, temperament and personality type. Plan to spend more time in these parts of the Bible without neglecting the rest of scripture.

**4. Prayer Time (3-5 min)**

Pray and ask Jesus to help you find a deeper interest in His word. Ask Him to help you understand more deeply and to learn to apply the lessons of the Bible to your life just like these Application Guides have attempted to help you to do.