

Next Steps: Carefully examine Matthew 25:14-30 using this P.R.E.P method of study. Before you get started spend a few moments in prayer asking God to open up your mind & heart to His truth so that the Holy Spirit can work in your life.

Pre-Read:

What is the context of this passage (Matthew 24:1-3; the rest of Matthew 24-24:13)?

What is the “genre” of this passage?

How does this “genre” & context impact our interpretation?

Read:

To whom is Jesus talking in this passage?

Who are the main characters?

What is the big difference between the characters?

Examine your heart: Honestly ask yourself which of the characters best reflect your life right now.

Which character do you want to be more like?

What is God asking you to do or to stop doing so that you can better reflect the qualities of this character?

Why is it so important to faithfully use the resources God has given you?

What are the consequences of the wicked?

Pray for God’s Word to work in you:

Spend some time praying God would help you absorb His Word and give you the courage and strength to consistently apply them to your life. Ask God to show you what you need to change and/or what you need to do.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12

Next Week: The last parable of Jesus that Matthew records is commonly called, “The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.” You can read this story in Matthew 25:31-46.