## The Gospel According to Matthew Coming to the End "Focusing on the Now" Matthew 25:1-13

## The distance between Wisdom and Foolishness is often Preparation.

## *Understanding Parables*

- 1. The Bridegroom is <u>Jesus</u>
- 2. The Bridesmaids are You and Me
- 3. The Announcement is <u>Too Late</u>
- 4. The Contrast is Revealing

## How might we be prepared?

The Dress – Eph. 6:10-18, Col. 3:12-17

The Gift – 1 Peter 4:10-11; Psalms 51:13-17

The Shower – Eph. 4:25-32; Romans 12:9-21

The Rehearsal – James 1:22-23; Micah 6:8

The Party – Luke 15:3-10; John 15:7-11

The Support - 1 Thess. 5:12-22; Phil. 1:3-11