Women's Bible Study
Discussion Questions

Matthew 25

1. In looking at the parable of the ten virgins and also the parable of the builders in Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus uses the words "wise" and "foolish" to describe people. Describe your understanding of what it means to be wise or foolish based on these parables.

2. In the parable of the ten virgins, Jesus teaches an important message for his followers: "Keep watch!" What does this mean and what would be an application for us today?

3. Reread the parable of the talents in vs. 14-30. Why is the "worthless" servant so strongly rebuked?

4. "Anything whereby we may glorify God is a talent…and to hide our talent is to neglect opportunities for glorifying God when we have them." (J.C. Ryle) What 'talents' has God given to you? Are there any which you have been fearful or hesitant to use? If so, why?

5. In the parable of the sheep and the goats (those put on God's right, and those put on the left at the return of Christ) in verses 31-40, what are the similarities and differences between the two groups of people which are described?

6. As you consider the three parables in this chapter, the words of Jesus may seem harsh as he clearly explains the judgment which comes for sin and those who refuse to repent. How do these parables actually open up a deeper understanding of God's love for us in Christ?