



Taking Worship Into Your Week

11.1.20

When we receive a wedding invitation, we imagine what the ceremony and reception will be like, and become excited about the future event. On this All Saint's Day, **let's receive God's invitation** to the future events he desires to bring about at St. Luke, imagine those possibilities together, and accept his invitation with excitement. The names of all who faithfully departed this world as saints will be read during worship, their memory cherished, and their salvation our joy.

Read Matthew 25:1-13

1. In vs 1, to what event does "at that time" refer? You'll find that in a good study Bible or online, using a resource such as <https://biblehub.com/commentaries/>.
2. To what do you think the "oil" in the parable is a reference? Use your concordance to find other examples of how "oil" is used literally, or as a metaphor. If "oil" here referred to our faith, what point do you believe Jesus is making?
3. Who is the "bridegroom?" Who is the "bride?" Use your concordance to find out. . . particularly check out the book of Revelation.
4. Think of examples of what "wise" Christians practice, in order to become so; what practices do "foolish" Christians have which keep them from God's vision for our lives?
5. Begin to pray about the commitment of offerings you will be invited to make on Sunday November 15th. How has God blessed you? Does your giving, right now, reflect your gratitude for what God has given you? Does your giving result in sacrifices you make in order to be able to do it, or are you giving so little that you don't miss it? What is the Lord telling your heart?