
Sermon Discussion Questions

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Ready for the Master: Living Faithfully While We Wait

Luke 12:35-48

1. Living with Expectation. Jesus calls His followers to live ready for His return, like servants eagerly waiting for their master. What are some things that distract us from living with an eternal perspective, and how can knowing the goodness and love of Jesus change the way we wait for Him?

2. The Goodness of the Master. Jesus describes a master who serves his faithful servants, turning our expectations of authority upside down. How does Jesus' example of serving His disciples and giving His life for us shape the way we view our relationship with Him? How should His love motivate our obedience?

3. Faithfulness in the Small Things. Jesus teaches that faithful waiting involves actively doing the master's will, especially in the everyday responsibilities He has given us. What are some small opportunities God has placed in your life to love and serve others? Why can we sometimes overlook these opportunities while waiting for something bigger or more significant?

4. The Danger of Selfish Living. Jesus warns about the servant who takes advantage of others because he assumes his master will be delayed. How can selfishness gradually shape our attitudes and actions without us realizing it? What helps us recognize when we are living for our own comfort rather than faithfully loving the people God has placed around us?

5. Living in Light of Accountability and Grace. Jesus warns that we will give an account for how we live, while also reminding us of the grace and goodness of our Master. What is the difference between being motivated by fear of judgment and being motivated by love for Jesus? How can we pursue holiness and persevere in faith while resting in the finished work of Christ rather than striving to earn His love?

Closing Application

Where might you be putting off obedience or overlooking an opportunity to love and serve someone because you assume there will be more time later? What is one practical step you can take this week to live faithfully in the everyday responsibilities God has given you? How can our group encourage one another to live with joyful expectation of Jesus' return, trusting in His grace and growing to become more like Him?

Interpretation / Application Questions

Interpretation

1. What does this passage teach us about God? God is the main character of the Bible, so he should be our starting point. Every passage of Scripture reveals something about God, even if he's not specifically mentioned.

2. What does this passage teach us about people? As the pinnacle of God's creation, humans are at the center of his purposes. Think through what the passage reveals about our identity as divine image-bearers.

3. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to God? Loving God with our whole being expresses itself in a variety of ways. Start by looking for reasons to praise God.

4. What does this passage teach us about how to relate to others? God created us to be in community with one another. When he saves us from our sins, he makes us part of the body of Christ. Start by considering what the passage shows about interacting with others—family, friends, roommates, coworkers, classmates, neighbors, fellow believers, non-Christians, etc.

Application

1. What does God want us to understand/think? God has given us the mind of Christ, but we are still tempted to think the way we did before we knew Christ. Deep and lasting transformation begins with the renewal of our minds. Reflect on any wrong ways of thinking that the passage exposes.

2. What does God want us to believe? We may understand a truth at an intellectual level without letting it shape how we live. Consider what false beliefs the passage reveals and what gospel promises you need to believe.

3. What does God want us to desire? This question targets the affections—the combination of desires, inclinations, feelings, and will that are the spring of our actions. God calls us to desire him above all else, but apart from the work of the gospel we will desire what's evil. Reflect on how you see the sinful desires mentioned or implied in the passage show up in your own life, as well as the kind of godly desires you should be cultivating.

4. What does God want us to do? When God's Word changes how we think, what we functionally believe, and what we desire, it will produce tangible change in what we do and don't do. Sometimes a passage gives us direct commands. But many are far less straightforward, requiring us to think carefully about specific actions.