



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

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Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Luke 12:35-48

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35 "Be ready for service and have your lamps lit. 36 You are to be like people waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet so that when he comes and knocks, they can open the door for him at once. 37 Blessed will be those servants the master finds alert when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will get ready, have them recline at the table, then come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the middle of the night, or even near dawn, and finds them alert, blessed are those servants. 39 But know this: If the homeowner had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

41 "Lord," Peter asked, "are you telling this parable to us or to everyone?"

42 The Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and sensible manager his master will put in charge of his household servants to give them their allotted food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom the master finds doing his job when he comes. 44 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says in his heart, 'My master is delaying his coming,' and starts to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 that servant's master will come on a day he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will and didn't prepare himself or do it will be severely beaten. 48 But the one who did not know and did what deserved punishment will receive a light beating. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, even more will be expected. (CSB)

Sermon Summary:

The Bible is clear that Jesus will return one day. In some passages, His coming is portrayed as sudden and unexpected. In others, certain signs point to His return, though those signs are not always unmistakable or definitive. The question for us is this: what are we doing today to prepare for

His coming?

This passage in Luke 12 emphasizes two main points. First, we are to anticipate His return and live in readiness for it. Those who remain alert and prepared will be blessed when He comes. Second, we must faithfully carry out the responsibilities God has entrusted to us. If we are unfaithful, we will face loss and judgment. Consistent with earlier passages in Luke, we are urged to seek first the kingdom of God.

Small Group Discussion

1. What are the words the Luke uses in chapter 12 to describe the attitude we should have as we wait for the Lord to return?
2. What is the blessing for those who are alert when the Lord returns?
3. Luke uses another example in verse 39. What should be the attitude of the home owner and what is the result of not having the proper attitude?
4. Verse 40 says "the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." What are the dangers of looking for signs of the Lord's return?
5. What is your response to Luke 12:40? How should this affect your daily life?
6. Jesus gives a parable of the household manager. Discuss the points of this parable and what the proper response should be.
7. Without getting over analytical about what the "beating" is like, consider what is the point of this parable? What should we take away after reading this parable?
8. This section should cause us to be reflective and not look at others. What is your prayer after reading this section?

Pray:

1. That we would have a proper heart and a proper living in light of the Lord's coming.
2. For the needs of your group members.