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Be Ready

Luke 12:35-48

Being prepared for Christ's return means living:

Urgently

2 Peter 3:11-14

Hopefully

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Obediently

John 15:12-17

Application



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read [Luke 12:35-48](#)

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

Why would Jesus address the issue of being ready for His return directly after addressing fear, anxiety, and earth possessions?

Between this week and last week, we have a juxtaposition between what we shouldn't be concerned with (earthly possessions) and what we should be concerned about (His return.) What are the things that steal your focus away from living ready Him?

Why would Jesus use the example of servants being ready for their master to return to explain what His followers should be doing while they await His return?

Jesus tells us to be ready, but that we also don't know hour He will return. Why do we not slip into the extremes of apathy or paranoia when it comes to His return?

Eschatology is the study of end times. How can eschatology be something that pushes us closer to Jesus and how can it be something that distracts us from His mission for us?

Read [John 15:12-17](#). How can the command that Jesus gives us here help us to focus on living ready for Him?

If we understand that Jesus is coming back, what stops us from living with urgency for Him? How would different would our lives look if we truly understood that there are people who will be cut off from Jesus?

"Yet, since we know that the victory of Christ over evil was decisive and that Christ is now on the throne, the dominant mood of the Christian should be optimism. This means that we view no world crisis as totally beyond help and no social trend as absolutely irreversible. It means that we live in hope—a hope that is built on faith and that expresses itself in love."

We live in a broken world. One that seems to feel more so every day. How can we live out this idea that "we view no world crisis as totally beyond help and no social trend as absolutely irreversible."? And do you actually believe that?

Challenge

What are you more concerned about, the worries of today or living ready for Jesus? Ask yourself how often you even consider His return.

Application

Look at your life and ask yourself, "what are the ways I live in a state of readiness for Christ's return? What are the areas that I need more obedience, urgency and hopefulness?"

Prayer

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to prayer@cbcventura.org