



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 1, 2023

Sermon Text *Luke 12:35-48*

35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, and to eat and drink and get drunk, 46 the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will but did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more

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Discussion Questions

1. Why is it difficult to live in anticipation of Christ's second coming? What are some things that distract Christians from being "ready" for Jesus' return?
2. When the glorified Christ returns, Luke says He will dress Himself to serve, have us recline at table, and then come to serve us! Does this surprise you? Why or why not?

3. For many, Christ's return will not be pleasant. Why would this be so?
4. How we live our lives reveals whether or not we are ready and eagerly anticipating Christ's return. How should a person who is looking forward to Christ's return live? For such people, how should they view God's Word and His Church?
5. According to Luke what is the fate for those who claim to be Christian, and know Christ is returning, but still live as though He will never return? Why do you think it is so important for Christians to live with great anticipation, focus, and readiness for Jesus' return?