

THE KING WE NEED

Discussion Guide: Be Prepared

Passage: Luke 12:35-59

Summary: How do we live prepared for Jesus' return? Jesus calls his disciples to wake up and live ready for the coming of the Son of Man. In a world where it's really easy to live asleep, as if this present world is all there is, Jesus wants to stir us up to see the reality of His coming Kingdom and live ready for His reign.

Discussion Questions

1. What comes to mind when you think of the "Return of Jesus"? Do you think about it? Do you err towards passivity or predictiveness when you think about Jesus' return?
2. In the parable of the ready servants, they are expectant and looking forward to their master's return, not dreading it. Do you look forward to Jesus' return with anticipation? Why do you think that is?
3. In the parable of the faithful manager, Jesus says that to be prepared for his return means faithfully living out your present calling for the good of others. Our temptation can be to escape our current situations, but Jesus invites us to faithfulness. What does that look like for you in this season?
4. Jesus warns of a coming fire of judgment which would bring clarity about who is with Him. He says he looks forward to when this fire will be kindled. Why is His judgment good news? Why does He look forward to it?

Jesus says He will be baptized with a future baptism of fire. He enter into the fire of judgment for us. *Take some time to give thanks for Jesus' sacrifice for you so that you can be protected from the fire of judgment.*