

5. How does the uncertainty of Christ's return impact the way we prioritize our time, resources, and relationships?

6. What is one way you could more wisely manage what God has entrusted to you?

7. As you consider Jesus's teaching in this passage, what is one step you can take to grow in your relationship with Jesus and one another both individually and as a group?

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Everything

"Making the Wait Worth It"

Luke 12:35-48

Too often our desire for immediate comfort betrays our future.

How do we live well today with salvation in mind?

1. Jesus calls us to be _____. (Luke 12:35-40)

We need _____ that our waiting is not in vain. We need to direct our alertness toward God, what he is doing, where he is going.

Romans 8:22-25

"The book of Psalms is a divinely given songbook and therapeutic manual during this time of waiting. The Psalms embrace the reality of brokenness, longing, disappointment, injustice, and death. [...] The very first word of the Psalter casts a vision for the possibility of happiness and flourishing – now and yet more to come." (Jonathan Pennington)

Three ways to interact with God's word:

- _____ your Bible.
- Read the _____ Bible.
- _____ and meditate.

Where is God leading you with your BLESS list this week?



2. Jesus calls us to live well with _____. (Luke 12:41-44)

1 Peter 2:9

3. Jesus gives us a warning about our _____ lives. (Luke 12:45-48)

God genuinely desires a _____ with his people and for his people to experience the blessing of his presence. (Exodus 24; Genesis 15)

Salvation is simply life _____ God, forever, and that starts the moment you give your life to Christ.

Three ways to make the wait worth it:

- Put your _____ in Jesus.
- Get to _____ Jesus.
- Let Jesus _____ you.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

2. Share a time when you were given responsibility and you completely messed it up.

3. What are the actions and attitudes of someone who is alert as they wait for salvation?

4. How does the master's response to the ready servant illustrate God's grace and blessing for those who are faithful and prepared?