

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 12:35-48

Ice Breaker: What is your worst story of “unpreparedness” (e.i. dinner party, date night, exam, work project, etc.)?

Ice Breaker: If you were going to be gone from your home for a whole year, who would you ask to watch your house for you? Why them?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 12:35-48:** What is the context of this passage? How does “bigger barns” and “being anxious” relate to “being ready”? How are these all connected through the theme of stewardship?
2. How might you summarize the main point of this passage? What is the big picture that Jesus is trying to share with the crowd and his disciples?
3. What does it look like to “be ready” (“dressed for action” and “lamps burning”)? How are you making yourself ready for the master’s return? How do we make Mon-Sat look like Sunday in our homes?
4. What practical evidences of readiness have you noticed in someone else’s life as they wait for the master’s return? How has that encouraged you to be ready?
5. How can you have confidence that you are ready for Jesus’ return? What situations might demonstrate your readiness?
6. What is the path forward when we recognize that we are not as ready as we should be? How can we take steps to become more ready?
7. What is the hope or reward that is given to the servants who are found ready (v. 37)? How will we experience this reward? Does this give you hope now to continue on? Why or why not?
8. Luke 12:41-46 deals with the leaders of the house (elders, pastors, etc.). What is the warning and reward for them? How have you seen good or bad church leadership in your own life?
9. The passage ends with a call to steward our lives faithfully. How does demonstrating our faith through our deeds differ from our deeds producing our righteousness?

Application: Spend some time praying for one another to heed the call of being ready. Pray that the Lord would remind us that we’re almost home and encourage us to the end.