“What Does it Mean to be Ready?”
Luke 12:35-59

Sunday, November 8, 2026

1. We Watch and Work Faithfully (35-48)

A. (Mk 13:34–37) "[34] It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. [35] Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—[36] lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. [37] And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!”" NKJV

B. Principle: We don't need to know when the Master is coming to know what the Master wants us doing.

2. We Follow Him Despite the Cost (49-53)

A. (Jas 4:4) "[4] Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God." NKJV

B. (Lk 14:27) "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple." NKJV

3. We Recognize and Respond to Him (54-59)

A. (Jn 10:27) "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." NKJV

B. (Jas 1:22) "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." NKJV

Write-up

In *Luke 12:35–59* Jesus calls His followers to live in anticipation of His return. But what does it mean to be ready? It's more than knowing Scripture or watching for signs. Genuine faith produces a response—faithfully carrying out what He's entrusted to us, following Him even when it's costly, and responding to His Word while we have the opportunity. If we believe Him, we'll respond to Him.

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Join us this Sunday as we open *Luke 12:35–59* and consider what it means to be ready for Jesus' return. Is it enough to know what He says, or does genuine faith call for something more?