

Wednesday July 8th

Don't Fake Your Faith - Luke 12-13

Opening

What's something you're looking forward to this year?

Digging Deeper

Message Review: In Luke 12-13 Jesus is traveling to Jerusalem and drawing ever closer to His death on the cross. As this time comes near, He increasingly calls the crowds to faith, warns them against hypocrisy and challenges those who are stuck in unbelief. Jesus also commands His followers to be watchful of His future return, which will be our focus for tonight's discussion.

Read Luke 12:35-40

1. In verses 35-36 Jesus tells us to be like servants who are prepared and waiting for their master's arrival. What two details does Jesus use to describe the waiting servant in verse 35? How might we relate those two details to Christians today?
2. In verse 37 Jesus promises a blessing for the servants who are prepared and watching for His return, and in verse 38 He alludes to a long delay or period of waiting for His return. How do you normally respond to delays? Compare this with 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9. What reason does Peter give for the Lord's delay? How should this shape our perspective?
3. Jesus says we do not know the hour of His return, so we are to ***always*** be expecting Him. On Sunday we also read Titus 2:11-13. In these verses what "teaches us" (NKJV) us? What does it "teach" in vs 12? In verse 13?
4. The following passages all refer to the expectation of Jesus' return. What does each passage say this expectation should produce in our lives? Read and discuss one-at-a-time.
 - 1 John 3:2-3
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18

Prayer

1. What is something from this passage that we can pray for?
2. Pray for personal needs.