

Group Discussion Guide

Week of November 7, 2021

Matthew 25:1-3 – Be Ready

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- When you leave your house, do you get ready quickly, or does it take you a long time?
- Have you ever been ready to leave your house, but you had to wait for someone else who wasn't ready yet? How did that make you feel?
- What's the difference between **GETTING READY** and **BEING READY**?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

MAIN POINT

As a church, and individual Christians, we need to BE READY for Jesus' return.

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

Read – Matthew 25:1-3

- What do you think Jesus was attempting to teach through this example?
- What do you feel like it means for Christians to BE READY for the return of Jesus?

Pastor Luke shared 5 ways he believes we need to BE READY...

1) **WAKE UP**

- How is it possible for us as believers to **FALL ASLEEP**?
- How can **APATHY** in our faith create issues in our relationship with God?
- In what ways have you personally struggled with **APATHY** in the past?
- What **WOKE YOU UP** from your **APATHY**?

2) CHECK WHAT YOU REALLY BELIEVE

- If you were told there was a bear outside your meeting place right now, what would you do?

Our actions reveal what we believe to be true.

Read – James 2:14-26

- What is the connection that James makes between faith and works?
- According to God's word, is it possible to believe something without that belief affecting the way you live your life?

3) KNOW THAT YOU ARE ON MISSION

- Share a time you had a short amount of time to complete a project.
- How did you prioritize your time as the deadline approached?

- How much longer do you think you have left here on this earth?
- How can being aware of our approaching deadline for this life help us prioritize our time?

- How is it possible to be on mission for Jesus and continue to do the things you have to do on a daily basis?

4) KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

Read – 1 Peter 1:3-9

- What is the prize we get when we see Jesus?
- How does keeping our focus on this prize help us to BE READY?

5) ABIDE IN CHRIST

Read – John 15:1-5

- What does it mean for you to abide in Christ?
- How does abiding in Christ help us to BE READY for His return?

TAKING IT HOME

- Which of these 5 areas of BEING READY do you struggle with right now?
- What can you do today to be more ready for the return of Christ?

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS