

**Kingdom Preppers Week 2**  
**Parable of the Faithful Servant**  
**February 8, 2026**

### Recap

- Last week we established what kingdom we are preparing for — not an earthly kingdom, but the spiritual Kingdom of God.
- The moment we surrender our lives to Christ; He becomes King over our hearts.
- Most of what we prepare for in life is temporary: finances, careers, security, travel, and our children's futures.
- James reminds us that life is a mist — here today and gone tomorrow.
- We prepare for temporary things largely because of fear, worry, and lack of trust in God.
- Kingdom preparation requires an eternal mindset, not a temporary one.

### Jesus Teaches About Worry - Matthew 6:25–34

- Jesus teaches during the Sermon on the Mount that worry reveals misplaced priorities. We cannot serve two masters — God and money, God and self, God and control. Life is more than food and clothing; it is about eternity.

### God's Care for Creation

- Birds do not store up food, yet God feeds them daily, flowers do not labor, yet God clothes them beautifully. If God provides for creation, how much more will He provide for His children?

### The Root of Worry

- Worry does not add to life — it steals from it. Worry flows from a desire to control what only God can control. Jesus says worry reveals little faith — a lack of trust in God's provision.

### Chasing the Provider Instead of the Provision - Matthew 6:31–33

- God already knows our needs. We often chase the needs instead of chasing the Provider. When we seek God's kingdom and righteousness first, God promises to take care of what we need.

**Kingdom Principle:** We prioritize what we value most. Our priorities reveal what kingdom we are truly living for.

### Approval: God or People? - Galatians 1:10

- Paul asks whether he is seeking human approval or God's approval. He declares that if he were trying to please people, he could not be a servant of Christ.

### Servant Defined

- The Greek word doulos means slave or bondservant. A servant gives up personal rights to serve the will of another. A servant's primary goal is to honor and glorify their master.

### The Parable of the Faithful and Wicked Servant - Matthew 24:45–51

#### The Faithful Servant

- Appointed by the master, not self-chosen. Entrusted with responsibility while the master is away. Found faithfully doing the master's will when he returns. Rewarded with greater responsibility and blessing.

#### The Wicked Servant

- Believe the master is delaying and assumes there is plenty of time. Begins living for himself instead of the master. Mistreat others and indulge in sin. Delayed obedience becomes outright disobedience.

**Key Warning:** The most dangerous lie is believing you have plenty of time to obey God.

#### Sudden Return & Severe Consequences

- The master returns unexpectedly. Judgement comes swiftly and decisively. The servant is punished and assigned to judgment — not because of ignorance, but because of disobedience.

**Truth:** Judgment is not about what we know — it is about what we do with what we know.

### Not Just Unbelievers — But Professing Believers - Matthew 7:21–23

- This servant represents someone who knows about God but does not obey God. Someone who looks like a believer outwardly but lacks true repentance and submission inwardly. Faith without obedience produces no fruit — and no fruit reveals no salvation.

### Kingdom Preppers Require Faithfulness

- Faithfulness means doing the will of the Father, not our own will. Faithfulness means seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first. Faithfulness means living every day as if Christ could return at any moment — because He could.

### Heart Check

- If Jesus returned today, what would He find you doing? Walking in obedience or disobedience? Loving God wholeheartedly or serving self? Loving others or living selfishly? Fleeing sin or indulging in it? Preparing for His kingdom or building your own?

### No Casual Christianity

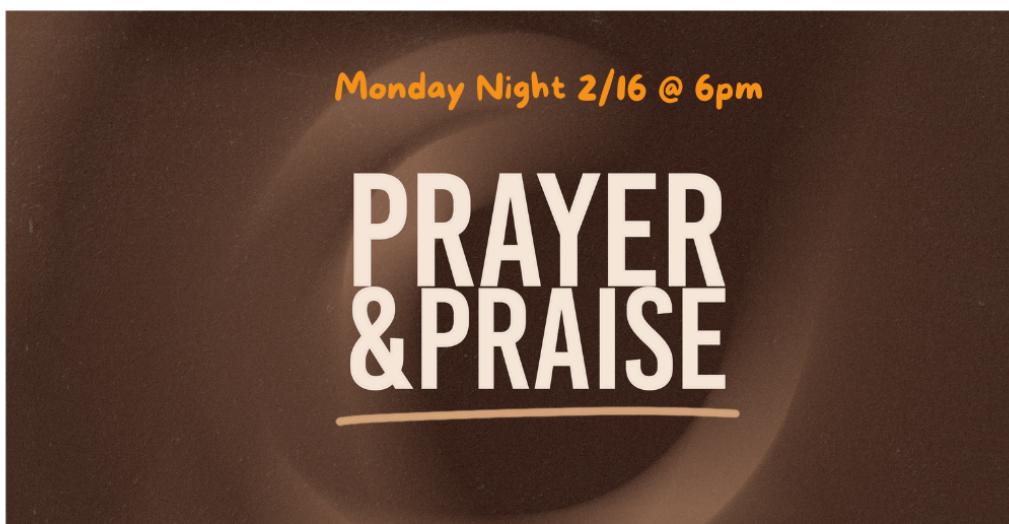
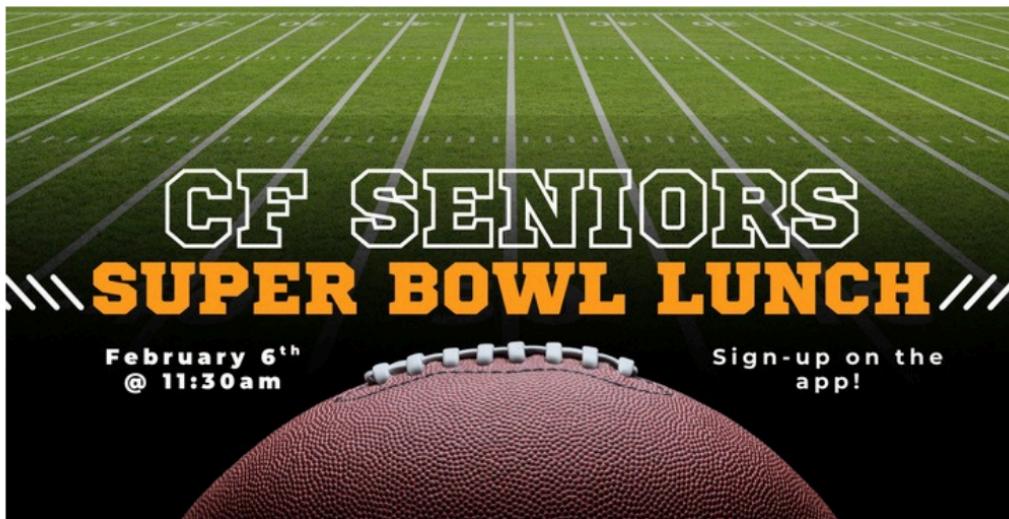
- We cannot claim Christ as Savior and refuse Him as Lord. Delayed obedience is immediate disobedience. Eternal consequences demand eternal priorities. We must not only be hearers of the Word — but doers.

### James 1:22–23

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Stop by the Cafe- grab a drink/biscuit and support recovery!

### Coming up:

Baptism Sunday  
2/22

Say Yes to the  
Prom Dress  
2/28

**Sign up on the  
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- To Serve
- Submit prayer request
- Join a small group

### TAKE A CLASS

- New Believer's Class
- Next Steps Class
- My Story Training

