



A Heart for God

The Gospel of Luke

Bible study for the week starting July 18, 2021

A Heart for God: Signs of the Times

SHARE

1. What's something for which you had to wait so long that you eventually gave up waiting? Did it ever happen later in a truly surprising and unexpected way? Example: my great uncle was a lifelong bachelor and found love and got married for the first time in his 70s.

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Psalm 130. It is a beautiful Psalm about watching and waiting and hoping in the Lord's promises. What kind of expectation do you hear in these words, and why?
3. Read Exodus 19:16-20. Moses went up on Mount Sinai and got to speak with God, but even the people got to experience His power and presence. Knowing human nature, how could the people so quickly turning from experiencing God's presence to worshiping a golden calf?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-17. Much like growing old isn't for wimps, so also following Jesus isn't for wimps. What in these words assures you that you might bend, but God won't let you be broken?
5. Read Luke 12:35-59. Looking at the context around these verses in Luke, why does it make sense that Jesus chooses this topic? What is the application He would like to see in our lives, and what makes this challenging?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.



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Luke 12:35-59

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'You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the PRESENT time?' -Luke 12:56

'You also must be READY, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not EXPECT.' -Luke 12:40

Let's take a LOOK around.

Jesus never promised EASY.

'I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were ALREADY kindled!' -Jesus

If you believe and TRUST in Jesus and know His WILL for your life, Jesus calls for a COMMITMENT to Him that is so FOUNDATIONAL that it makes identification with Him more primary than identification with your own family.

What's the difference between WAITING and EXPECTING?

The LONGER we go without Jesus returning, the less people believe He's going to come back at all, and the more people do what they want without worry about having any CONSEQUENCES for their actions.

2,000 years and still expectant: 'We are afflicted in every way, but NOT CRUSHED; perplexed, but NOT driven to DESPAIR; persecuted, but NOT FORSAKEN; struck down, but NOT DESTROYED...' (2 Cor. 4:8-9).

'So we do not lose HEART...' (2 Cor. 4:16).