

Announcements

We need your help in Image Kids and First Impressions -- there are a lot of opportunities to serve! You can sign up to serve at imageatl.com/serve.

Prayer Suggestions

Miami Building Collapse

On June 24, half of a condo building in Surfside, FL collapsed. On June 27, due to safety concerns for search and rescue workers, the remainder of the building was demolished. As of Tuesday morning, 117 people are still missing, while the death toll is 28 people. Search and rescue teams from other countries (such as Mexico and Israel) have come to assist with the search for the rest of the people.

Pray that search and rescue teams will be able to continue working, and that they will have good weather until they are finished. Pray for peace for families of the victims and missing. Pray that if any of the victims are still alive, yet still under the rubble, that they will be found quickly. Pray for the community to stand up and support the families affected. Pray that the believers in the area will have the opportunity to show the love and peace of Jesus in this time.

Joshua Project Unreached Peoples: <https://joshuaproject.net/pray/unreachedoftheday>

Family Time

Family Time is an intentional space where we live out the model we see in Acts 2:42. We want to be devoted to the Word together, break bread, fellowship, and pray. It's also a place where we practice hospitality. We want this time to foster both spiritual and relational growth moving the group from acquaintances and friends to family. Family Time begins with conversations around a meal, followed by a discussion about Sunday's sermon.

Sermon Discussion (30-40 min)

Title: Active Waiting

Series: Inverted Kingdom

Scripture: Luke 12:35-48

Other Scripture/Cross References

Mentioned in the sermon:

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Mark 12:31

Matthew 20:28
2 Corinthians 9:6-8
James 2
Ephesians 3:18-19
Romans 8:38-39

Other pertinent verses:

(on waiting) Lamentations 3:25-26; Psalm 37:7; Psalm 40:1; Psalm 46:10; Romans 8:25; Galatians 6:9; 2 Peter 3:8; Hebrews 11:13-16; James 5:8
(on living out the Kingdom) Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Proverbs 31:8-9; Isaiah 1:16-17; Isaiah 58:6-7; Micah 6:8; Colossians 3:12;

Main Points

Active Waiting

Vs 35 communicates a posture of readiness -- what Jesus is describing is a very intentional and serious **active waiting**

The servants were actively waiting and anticipating their master's return so that they were ready for him

We should live **always ready**

The Son of Man is coming when you least expect it -- Jesus says stay awake, be alert, be ready

We know the return of Christ is inevitable -- if we believed it, then we would live as though it is true

We wait with joyous anticipation for the Lord's return, but we do not do so sitting idly by

In our waiting, we are to be active about the things of the Kingdom -- we are to be about Kingdom living "To be about the Kingdom" means to carry out the master's tasks, to carry out the mandate all Christians everywhere have

Discipleship

We are called to be **faithful stewards**

We are called to live ready, to active waiting, to be faithful and good stewards, to be about the kingdom of God.

Being a faithful steward means being a disciple

At Image Church, we define a healthy disciple as one who is growing as a:

Worshipper -- someone growing in their love of God through right beliefs, affections, and practices

Family Member -- someone who is gathering regularly with the family of God corporately and communally throughout the week for the purpose of growing in personal holiness, love for one another, and mission

Steward -- someone who leverages their time, talent, and treasure through service, hospitality, and generosity for the sake of the church family and their neighbor

Missionary -- someone who is living as an ambassador of Christ by engaging the lost with the gospel in order to show what it means to know, love, and follow Jesus

If God is God, then your life is not your own

There is a reason the Christian life is often described as "pouring out your life." Christ is calling us to pour out our lives for the sake of the gospel.

We have been given one life to live -- we are called to steward and not squander it.

Leverage your

Time: growing as a disciple, being a committed family member, loving your neighbors, serving the body

The time you have will ebb and flow as the seasons change

Talent: how has God gifted and wired you? How can you use that for the Kingdom?

Treasure: are you living and giving generously, leveraging your treasure for the building of the kingdom?
It isn't about a dollar amount but a life marked by generosity

Quotes

JD Greear: "It is only by thinking clearly about the future will you live wisely in the present"

Questions

1. What challenged you? What were your takeaways? What encouraged or convicted you?
2. What questions do you have?
3. How are you living as though you believe Christ's return is imminent?
4. How are you living about the things of the kingdom?
5. Active Waiting
 - a. Define active waiting.
 - b. What does active waiting look like in your life?
 - c. What does being "always ready" look like? How can you practice being "always ready"?
6. Looking at the 4 areas of discipleship (worshipper, family member, steward, missionary)
 - a. Where are you growing well as a disciple?
 - b. Where do you need to repent and/or grow more?
 - c. What are practical steps you can take to begin growing more in those areas?
7. Looking at your time, talent, and treasure
 - a. What are you leveraging well?
 - b. Where do you need to repent and/or grow more?
 - c. What are practical steps you can take to begin growing more in those areas?

Other Resources

Used in the sermon:

Mike McKee, "A Worry Free Life"

JD Greear, "Live Ready" In Step Series

Bock, D. L. (1996). *Luke: 9:51–24:53* (Vol. 2, p. 1163).

Mike McKee, "Being a Disciple"

Resources on *Active Waiting*:

It's Not Your Turn, Heather Thompson Day

Waiting on God, Andrew Murray

Blogs --

<https://henrinouwen.org/meditation/active-waiting-2/>

<https://www.wisconsinumc.org/post/13282298>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/actively-waiting>

Resources on *Kingdom Living & Discipleship*:

The Kingdom Agenda, Tony Evans

The Divine Conspiracy, Dallas Willard

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Eugene Peterson

Radical, David Platt

Discipleship Groups

Discipleship Groups are where our community groups divide into gender-specific groups for a time of more intentional discussion and connection. This creates a safer and more intimate space to open up our hearts in order to grow deeper in the gospel. This time begins with a discussion about Sunday's sermon and then

transitions to a time of transparency where we are honest about where we are relationally, personally, missionally, and spiritually.

Sermon Discussion (30-40 min)

See Sermon Discussion Notes above.

RPMS (30-45 min)

R	How are you doing RELATIONALLY ? (friends, coworkers, neighbors, spouses, family -- also, how are you building relationships with people different from you or on the margins?)
P	How are you doing PERSONALLY ? (emotionally, mentally, physically, financially, etc.)
M	How are you doing MISSIONALLY ? (what you're doing daily to be on mission, how you're engaging people, etc)
S	How are you doing SPIRITUALLY ? (time with God, in Scripture, what you're learning, who you're learning from, memorization, etc.)

Prayer (10-15 min)