

It Started with Twelve #10
The Mindset of Discipleship

Word

Scripture Reference

Luke 12:35-48

Sermon Outline

- A. Three Mindsets of a Disciple of Jesus Christ
 1. Waiting with Anticipation (v. 35-36)
 2. Watchful with Expectation (v. 37-38)
 3. Ready with Excitement (v. 39-40)
- B. Reward for Those Who are Faithful (v. 41-44)
- C. Punishment for Those Who are Not Ready (v. 45-48)

Discussion Questions

1. Have you waited for anyone without knowing when he or she was exactly coming? Describe how you felt about it.
2. Our goal as Jesus Christ's disciples is to be like Him, and so we should have the correct mindset as we develop into His likeness. Luke 12:35-48 consists of two parables. The first parable (v. 35-40) talks about servants who are waiting for their master's return from a wedding banquet. The second parable (v. 42-48) contracts two different types of servants, the faithful servant and the evil servant, and how they anticipate the coming home of their master. These parables teach us how we should anticipate and prepare for the coming back of our Lord Jesus. Share with the group how you feel about the fact that Jesus is indeed coming back.
3. The first mindset of discipleship is described in verses 35-36, which is *waiting with anticipation*. Waiting is part of the job of a servant, but he should not remain idle while waiting for his master who did not say when he would exactly be back. As we wait on the Lord's return, how should we wait with anticipation? What useful things for His kingdom can we do while waiting?
4. The second mindset of discipleship as described in verses 37-38 is being *watchful with expectation*. Some of those servants were ready for their master's return even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night, which was actually the toughest to wait because that's when they were probably the sleepiest, those being the darkest of the night. What does being vigilant mean? When in your life is the darkest and most difficult time to wait on the Lord?

What's going on in our world today that should encourage us to be more vigilant in waiting for Jesus' return? Are you waiting with dread or with excitement? Why?

5. The third mindset is to be *ready with excitement* (verses 39-40). Just like the master coming unexpectedly, Jesus is coming to get those who believe in Him as their Savior in a twinkling of an eye. What does being ready mean? How do you live your life now to prepare for His return? What is the Crown of Righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8) and how should it motivate you to live out your life?
6. The verses in 42-44 should be a great encouragement to those who are ready with excitement for Jesus' return. As the faithful servants were rewarded, those who wait on Him will be rewarded as well. What distinguishes the faithful and wise manager? Why would our reward in heaven be far greater than we can imagine?
7. How did some of the servants handle their responsibilities while their master was away (verse 45)? What was the result of their action (verse 46)? What are the possible ways we could live our life if we do not have the mindset of a disciple? What is "spiritual procrastination"? Do you agree with this statement by William Barclay, "The most dangerous of all delusions is that there is plenty of time. The most dangerous day in a man's life is when he learns that there is such a word as tomorrow. There are things which must not be put off, for no man knows if for him tomorrow will ever come."? Why would thinking that *there's always plenty of time and there is always a tomorrow* be the most dangerous delusion?
8. What happened to the servants who knew what to do but wouldn't do it in verse 47? What happened to those who acted out of ignorance in verse 48? What is anticipated from those who have been given and entrusted with much in verse 48? How should knowing more about God encourage us to be faithful to Him? How can we use wisely what God has given to each one of us?

Walk

In 1 Corinthians 16:22, *Maranatha* (Come, O Lord!) was the special greeting of the Christians in the New Testament to express their eager expectation of the Lord's return. Every day was *maranatha* for them. No wonder they could stand persecution, live a blessed life and be bold for Christ! What amazing things we can do if we have this mindset! How are you preparing yourself to get ready for Christ's return? Are you ready to meet your Lord? What if it were today?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

- Pray for wisdom and grace to prepare for the upcoming Youth Camp. Pang, Tan Teng Yong, AQM, Nestor, LYN, BCU, SL, Mr. Lee, Ernesto Go,
- Pray for healing of Raymond Dionisio, and for the healing & salvation of Dy Margarita Ong, MTT, Sharlize, Sheniele, Segundo Yu.