

Seek First: Unprepared

Sermon Notes March 3rd, 2024

Luke 12:29-31 NIV

29 And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. 30 For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. 31 **But seek his kingdom**, and these things will be given to you as well.

What is the Kingdom?

The kingdom of God refers to **God's reign on earth and consequently, in our hearts**. It's a Kingdom that is active here and now and will rule for all eternity. God invites us to partner with Him in allegiance as King to bring about His Kingdom rule here on earth.

Luke 12:35-48

35 "Be dressed **ready** for service and keep your lamps burning, 36 like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he **comes** and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. 37 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he **comes**. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will **come** and wait on them. 38 It will be good for those servants whose master finds them **ready**, even if he **comes** in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. 39 But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was **coming**, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be **ready**, because the Son of Man will **come** at an hour when you do not expect him."

Jesus is challenging His disciples to be _____.

What happens when I _____? What happens when Jesus comes _____?

End of Life:

- Matthew 25:31-46 - separation of sheep and goats
- Luke 23:43 – we go to paradise.
- Luke 16:19-31 – we go to Abraham's side/bosom.
- Ephesians 2:8 - by grace you have been saved, through faith...

The Day of the Lord, Jesus _____:

- Jesus comes to act justly against evil.
- Vindicate His followers.
- Give rewards based on what they've done.
- New heavens and new earth are established with new bodies.

(Romans 2:5-6, 14:10-12, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-15, Revelation 21-22)

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 End of Life & Day of the Lord

11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. 15 If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved—even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Luke 12:41-43

41 Peter asked, "Lord, are you telling this parable to us, or to everyone?" 42 The Lord answered, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom the master puts in charge of his servants to give them their food allowance at the proper time? 43 It will be good for that servant whom the master finds doing so when he returns. 44 Truly I tell you, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

Luke 12:45-48

45 But suppose the servant says to himself, 'My master is taking a long time in coming,' and he then begins to beat the other servants, both men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk. 46 The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the unbelievers.

This is a _____ of some of the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day.

Jesus is challenging His disciples to be different _____.

James 3:1

1 Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

Luke 12:47-48

47 "The servant who knows the master's will and **does not get ready** or **does not do** what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. 48 But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.

Live this _____ in light of that _____.

_____ wisely.

What does your _____ look like?

Take Home:

Seek First the Kingdom - Luke 12

- Be rich towards God.
- Do not worry/be anxious.
- Be generous towards those who are struggling.
- Live this day in light of that day.
 - Prepare diligently.
 - Invest wisely.