**Luke 12:35-48**

**December 2nd, 2018**

**Getting Motivated**

1. **Timing of Jesus’ Certain Return Vs 35-40**

Jesus warned his potential disciples of his certain unpredictable return to complete God’s saving purposes, which they must be perpetually ready for by keeping God’s kingdom their life priority.

*Warn potential disciples about the Lord’s certain unpredictable return to complete their salvation, something they need to be perpetually prepared for by making mature multiplying disciples their ongoing life priority.*

1. **Three Possible Groups at Jesus’ Return Vs 41-48**
2. **Raised Faithful Vs 42-44**

At his return, Jesus pictures how he will honour faithful disciples; he will raise them to even more fulfilling positions in God’s Kingdom.

1. **Rejected Unfaithful Vs 45-46**

At his return, Jesus pictures rejecting from God’s Kingdom those found neglecting and working against what they knew to be the saving purposes he had entrusted to them.

1. **Reprimanded Ignorant Vs 47-48**

At his return, Jesus pictures reprimanding immature disciples who out of ignorance are found inadequately fulfilling God’s saving purposes that Jesus entrusts to his disciples.

**Summary:** The warning to be ready for Jesus’ certain unpredictable return should motivate us to fully learn about and faithfully engage in the process of making mature multiplying disciples for Jesus.

**Questions**

1. What things can Jesus catch people doing at his return that will indicate they were actually ready for his return?

1. Which of these could you be more faithful at?
2. What possible strategies can you think of that would help you move towards being more faithful in this area?
3. What can others do to hold you accountable to being more faithful?
4. Why would people who profess to know Jesus be caught not actively living out their God-given purpose of making mature multiplying disciples?
5. What do the following passages of scripture say or imply will be the impact of living in anticipation of Jesus’ certain but unpredictable return? Heb. 10:24-25; Rom. 8:18-25; 2 Peter 3:4-14 ; 1 Cor. 15:58 ;

1 Thess. 4:13-5:11

1. We should be concerned about people who profess knowing Jesus who from all appearances are not ready for Jesus’ return, people we fear are still unbelievers at heart. What can we do so that they do not fall short of the grace of God?
2. What can you do to help move the ignorant and immature into the faithful group so they will be raised to honoured places at Jesus’ return?
3. If you have difficulty in answering this question, it may reflect your own immaturity as a disciple. If that is the case then you would benefit from having a discipleship coach. Please speak to Pastor Matt and he will get you started.