

The Son of Man is Coming

Luke 12:35-48 – Pastor Todd Dugard

What draws you to your closest non-believing friend or acquaintance? Have you been able to talk to them about Christ's promise to return? Do they seem to care about it?

Dig In!

I'll be ready for Jesus' return if I'm alertly watching for him. (v. 35-38)

"Right belief is that Jesus is coming back and coming soon. Too often right theology doesn't flow into right practice."

- What can believers' lives look like when they are full of confidence that the Lord is coming soon? Do you know anyone like what you've described?
- Why do other believers rely on you to "ride shotgun" (remain alert on their behalf) while they watch for Christ? How can you maintain spiritual vigilance for yourself and them simultaneously?

I'll be ready for Jesus' return if I'm eagerly expecting him. (v. 39-40)

For this question, you'll need a few people willing to talk openly about the past week! REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SECOND PAGE BEFORE ANSWERING THESE QUESTIONS.

- If Jesus dropped by at the random time and day indicated by the dice, what would he find you doing? If appropriate share what you were up to at that time. If not appropriate, say "I'm glad he didn't drop by then!"
- If you had an early warning of his coming, what would you have done differently at that time to bring Jesus greater honour?
- What doubts or fears do you have regarding Christ's return? (Bring these to God in prayer together.)

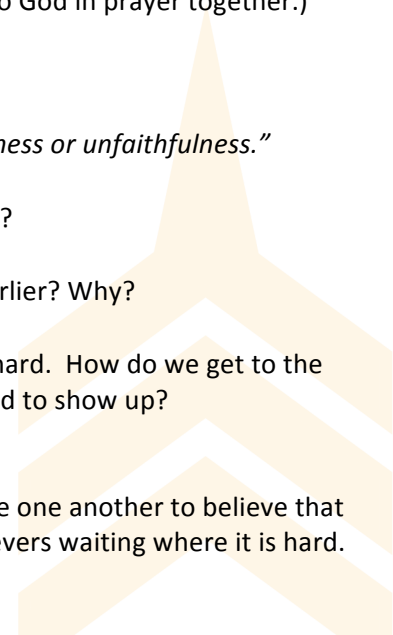
I'll be ready for Jesus' return if I'm faithfully serving him. (v. 41-48)

"This is where it gets hard... when we realize there is a delay, we react with faithfulness or unfaithfulness."

- What do you think is going to happen for/to you when Christ returns? Why?
- What do you think is going to happen for/to the friend you talked about earlier? Why?
- We all start at unfaithfulness and we sometimes act unfaithfully when it's hard. How do we get to the point where our lives are characterized by faithfulness while waiting for God to show up?

Break Out!

Bring personal doubts or fears related to Christ's return before the Lord. Encourage one another to believe that Jesus is coming again, and that it could be at any time, even this day! Pray for believers waiting where it is hard.



If Jesus showed up suddenly and you were not here or in worship, what would he most likely find you doing? Let's drop Jesus somewhere at random into your last week.

*You'll need a pair of dice to do this.

1. Roll two dice and let the number shown represent an hour of the day when you are typically awake.
2. Roll a single die and let the number shown represent a day of the week according to this designation;

[1]-Monday, [2]-Tuesday, [3]-Wednesday, [4]-Thursday, [5]-Friday,
[6]- the day of the weekend that you did not come to service.

For instance: [3] +[1] on first roll maybe 4 pm. [5] on second roll is Friday.

