

Sermon notes and study guide



For the week of

22nd of November 2020



Mind the Gap 2

Luke 12:22 -34 or page 818 in a church bible.

Main points

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14 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. John 14:1–3 (ESV)

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36 "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the

Father only.
Matthew 24:36–39 (ESV)

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30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Acts 17:30-31 (ESV)

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12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— 13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. 14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

1 Corinthians 3:12–15 (ESV)



What have you heard God say to you this morning and what are you going to do with what you heard?

What was the main point of the sermon?

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What is one thing you are going to do with what you	
heard this next week	

35 "Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, 36 and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks, 37 Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! 39 But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." 41 Peter said, "Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for all?" 42 And the Lord said, "Who then is the faithful and wise manager, whom his master will set over his household, to give them their portion of food at the proper time? 43 Blessed is that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes. 44 Truly, I say to you, he will set him over all his possessions. 45 But if that servant says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and begins to beat the male and female servants, 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 does not know, and will cut him in pieces and put him with the unfaithful. 47 And that servant who knew his master's will but

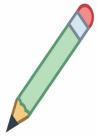
did not get ready or act according to his will, will receive a severe beating. 48 But the one who did not know, and did what deserved a beating, will receive a light beating. Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

Luke 12:35–48 (ESV)

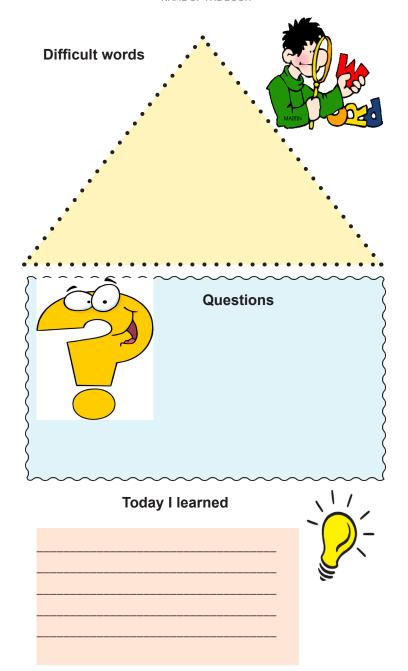
Sermon notes for kids

Favourite song today





Draw a picture from the sermon



Further study for Groups and individuals

Look back at last week's sermon notes and take a moment
to reveiw what you wrote you were going to take action on.
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What is the longest you have had to wait for something?
Was it worth it?
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Have you ever waited for something that didn't arrive and
gave up waiting?
In verse 35 Jesus tells His hearers to "stay dressed for ac-
tion." Read the Lord's direction to Moses and the Hebrews
in Exodus 12:11 and discuss how that relates to what Jesus
says
Paul writes:
14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and
having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as

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shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, Ephesians 6:14–18 (ESV)
How does Paul tell us to stay "dressed for action?"
Peter writes:
13 Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being
sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be
brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your
former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you
also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You
shall be holy, for I am holy."
1 Peter 1:13–16 (ESV)
How does Peter tell us to stay "dressed for action?"

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Jesus through John warns the church at Laodicea that the
are in danger of being "spat" out of His mouth because
they are luke warm - neither cold nor hot. He urges them to
change their ways,
and says:
20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears
my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat
with him, and he with me. 21 The one who conquers, I will
grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered
and sat down with my Father on his throne. 22 He who has
an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.' "
Revelation 3:20–22 (ESV)
In verse 37 Jesus says that the master will "dress Himself
for service" and have those servants of His who were ready
sit at a table and He will serve them. Describe how you
would feel to be served by Jesus like that.
Think of a time that God has surprised you when you were
asking Him to do something one way and He did it anothe
way entirely.
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Why does Jesus tell us not to overly focus on the when and
how of his return?

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How does a thief come?
Why do you think Jesus uses this imagery?
Read 1 Thessalonians 5:2-11. Paul uses the imagery of the Lord coming like a thief in the night, and of two groups of people; those of the night and those of the day. Describe the qualities of those of the night
What are the qualities of those of the day?
God has entrusted all of us with His assets to one degree or another, and we will be held accountable for how we have stewarded them in His abssence, although we must remember our entrance into His kingdom is through His grace alone. Take some time this week as we give thanks to thank the Lord for what He has given you and seek His guidance to use them in a "wakeful" way.