## **Live Prepared for the Future**

Scripture: Luke 12:35-48

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sunday, October 21, 2018

## **Overview**



In this passage, Jesus shares a parable about the return of the master to illustrate that his followers need to stay ready and focused on their future hope. The true hope for the Christian is that our Savior will return to fully redeem and rescue this broken world. It's only when Christ returns that all will be made right and Jesus will finally and fully be cherished. Yet this reality helps us in the present as well, empowering us to fight against sin and and fight for holiness. Our future hope should govern our present lives.

## **Corroborating Texts**

1 Peter 1:13-21

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Why is it that we're often formed by what we focus on? Have you seen examples of this culturally or in your own life?
- 2. How does this passage relate to Luke 12:22–32 where Jesus commands us to not be anxious?
- 3. How does our future hope influence how we live in the present? Why do we struggle so much to get our eyes off of our present circumstances and on to our future hope?
- 4. Using 1 Peter 1:13-16 as our guide, what does it look like to be ready for the return of Christ?
- 5. Why is fighting against sin and fighting for holiness not just another form of moralism? How does the gospel keep us from moralism and also empower us towards holiness?
- 6. What are practical ways we can adjust our perspective to shift our hope from present to future?
- 7. How will setting our hope on the return of Christ change how we relate to those around us?