

**How to be Ready to Meet the Lord**  
**Luke 12:35-40 September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Review: (Luke 12:31-34) Jesus had been exhorting His disciples to put first things first, To seek first \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_, To beware of being possessed by their possessions, To be ready and willing to \_\_\_\_\_ to those in need and invest in the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the \_\_\_\_\_. Keep your heart and affections on God and His kingdom and \_\_\_\_\_.

In V:35-40 Jesus shifted the emphasis from being \_\_\_\_\_ about the present to being \_\_\_\_\_ about the future.

When you are “living in God’s \_\_\_\_\_,” it is difficult for the things of the world to ensnare you.

When Christ returns, all that we are so occupied with and worried about now will seem so \_\_\_\_\_ and even \_\_\_\_\_ in comparison then.

The point is, (V:38) don’t \_\_\_\_\_ if He doesn’t return in the first watch.

If we believe that the Lord may not return \_\_\_\_\_, then we start living for \_\_\_\_\_; and this will mean judgment when we stand before the Lord.

The parable of the alert house owner (Luke 12:39–40) demonstrates that the disciples \_\_\_\_\_ with certainty when the Son of Man will come; therefore, they must \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Growth Group Discussion Questions**

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) What are some of the things you have most looked forward to in your life with great anticipation and joy? Why?
  
- 2.) What future events have you most dreaded in life? Why?
  
- 3.) Read Sunday’s text. (Luke 12:35-40) What are some lessons that stand out to you from Sunday’s message that you don’t want to forget?
  
- 4.) Look up the following scriptures and discuss their meaning and how they relate to Sunday’s text. Feel free to read their greater context and make sure everyone understands their implications. (Luke 21:34–36 & 38; 1 Peter 1:13–16; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Revelation 16:15; Mark 13:32–37).
  
- 5.) Do you have any final questions or comments about Sunday’s text? Discuss.
  
- 6.) Take some time to pray for one another.