

Sermon Study Guide – November 20th, 2022

Today's Focus: "The Last Day: a Day to Prepare for"

1) Thoughts to get you started...

- ◆ When you hear the words, "a day to prepare for", what comes to mind? What days are pleasant to prepare for? What days are not?
- ◆ What kinds of preparations does the last day warrant? How does Christ help us with these preparations as our king?

2) Today's Message: Luke 12:35-40

³⁵ "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ like servants waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. ³⁷ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. Truly I tell you, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. ³⁸ It will be good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the middle of the night or toward daybreak. ³⁹ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

3) What does God want you to know today?

Throughout the sermon, consider...

How does today's sermon show you your sin? (i.e. What's the law?)

How does today's sermon show your Savior? (i.e. What's the gospel?)

Law:

Gospel:



Answer the following questions as you follow the sermon...

1. In what way is preparing for the last day joyful? In what way is it scary? How does each affect our preparations?
2. How do the servants in the parable wait for the master? What's their master give them that makes it worth waiting in this way?
3. How might we treat Jesus like other religions treat their god? Yet, how does Jesus offer something utterly different as our king?
4. What can help a person with *difficult* preparations? Likewise, what motives the "preparations" that our faith dictates?

4) Taking it Home:

Read these sections of the Bible to reinforce this week's truths:

Monday: *review* Ge. 49:8-12, Col. 3:13-20

Thursday: Revelation 17

Tuesday: 2 Corinthians 5

Friday: Revelation 20

Wednesday: Daniel 7

Saturday: *review* Luke 12:35-40