



session four

read: matthew 24:42-51

unpack the text:

(v. 42) “Stay awake” Translated in the parallel Mark 13 as “Be on the alert.” Remaining alert requires expectant faithfulness to Jesus until He returns in glory.

(v. 45–51) “Obedient and disobedient servants” God’s people on earth are called a household (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 2:19). God has put servants over each household to feed the members. [The Bible Exposition Commentary]

(v. 51) “Weeping and gnashing of teeth” Refers to great anguish—signaling that Jesus means that this type of person will experience God’s judgment upon His return.

ask questions:

1. What stands out to you most in this passage?
2. What does it look like in your own life to practice “staying awake” versus “falling asleep”?
3. Why is it important for us to be ready for Christ’s return?

Read Phillippians 1:27

4. What does it mean to walk in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ?

Read Romans 6:1-4

5. If we are saved, why does it matter if we are faithful?
6. Have you ever felt impatient waiting for Christ? What was that like?
7. As we wait for Christ, how can we wait well?
8. Going back home after this week, what are some habits we can develop that will help us to be better at waiting?

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