

**I. Read Luke 12:35-48**

- A. In verse 35, Jesus uses an allusion that is also used in Matthew 25:1-13. Read and discuss the meaning.
- B. In verse 36-38, Jesus continues to explain the importance of preparedness. In verse 35 he refers to the necessity of being dressed appropriately. This reference is to girding or tying one's robe around the waist to assure freedom of movement.
1. What is his point?
  2. In verse 37, those who are ready to serve their master will actually be served by him. What does this mean?
- C. What is the meaning of the referral to second and third watch in verse 38?
- D. In verses 39-40, Jesus uses an important metaphor to help us understand the time He will return. In the context of his explanation in verses 39 & 40, He does not refer to the manner of His return but to the unexpected time of His return. What is the difference?
- E. In verse 40, Jesus makes something very clear. What is it?
1. What error do many evangelicals make in this regard?
  2. How should you respond when a teacher begins to set dates for Christ's return?

- F. In verse 41, Peter asks an important question. Is this exhortation only for us (the disciples) or should others listen as well? By Christ's response in verses 42-48, what do you think?
- G. In verses 45-48, Jesus is introducing an important principle, which He explains further in Matthew 25:14-30. Explain and discuss.