

Week Three | Table Time

Icebreakers

Describe an outfit you wore in public that makes you cringe when you think about it now.

Have you ever slept through something important? What happened? What outing, trip, or activity are you always ready for—what is always a “yes” for you?

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Discussion Time

1. Read Luke 12:35-48 out loud from The Message translation (use a smart phone, if needed). What stands out to you in this commentary?
2. Compare how you act, and what you do when waiting for a guest to how you act and live awaiting Christ's return. What is similar and what is different?
3. In verse 42 Jesus says, “Who then is the faithful and wise manager...”. What is Jesus talking about and how do we, as Christians, live as faithful, wise managers?
4. We often summarize verse 48 by saying “to whom much is given, much is required”. Discuss this anecdotal summary in the context of the passage. What do you understand it to mean?
5. Verse 51 is often quoted by Christians, also: “Jesus didn't come to bring peace, but a sword”. How do we understand this passage in Luke in light of the following passages? How do we see this passage misquoted or understood?
 - Matt. 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
 - John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.
 - Romans 12:18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.
 - Colossians :18 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.