



An Active Waiting - Kevin Sneed
Matthew 25: 1-13

1. To actively wait for the arrival of Jesus' return means to embody the hope that we have. How would you describe the hope of Jesus' return?
2. What does it look like to "embody" this hope that we have? What does that mean for your regular Mondays and Tuesdays?
3. At the end of his sermon, Kevin discussed two postures in which we can take up as postures or preparing for the return of Jesus, "waiting and hastening." Describe the difference between the two, and discuss practical examples of what it means to be active in "waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of the Lord" (2 Pet. 3:12, ESV).
4. Spend time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to highlight ways in which you can continually embody the hope that we have. Spend time both asking the Spirit and listening to the Spirit as a group.

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Don't Be Late! - Mark Mitchell

Matthew 25:1-13

1. Describe your worst experience being late.
2. Describe the cultural wedding practices that help understand what is going on in this parable.
3. Do you ever wonder about why it seems to be taking so long for the Lord to return? Explain.
4. What benefit is it to you that we know the end of our story?
5. What does it look like to be prepared for the Lord's return?
6. What can we learn from the fact that the wise maidens wouldn't share their oil with the foolish maidens?
7. Respond to this quote by Charles Spurgeon: *"He that follows the world with all his heart and thinks that the best, is a reasonable man in following it. But he who thinks the world to come the best, and yet follows this present evil world--why, what a fool is he, and who shall plead for him? When he stands before God, his prayers will damn him, if nothing else will, for his prayers will be swift witnesses against him that he did know, did feel, and yet he would not act on his knowledge."*
8. How did the Lord speak to you through this message this week?