



Series: Topical Message
Passage: Luke 17:20-37
Title: Be Ready - Jesus is Coming
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Discussion Starter – What does it mean to be ready for Jesus’ return and how do we know if we are ready?

Read Luke 17:20-21

1. What was the problem of the Pharisees question to Jesus, “when will the kingdom of God come?
2. Why do you think Jesus seemed to ignore the Pharisees question? What might have been a better question for them to have asked, and why?
3. Describe the significance of Jesus’ response to the Pharisees in verse 17:21.
4. What are the 3 outwardly observed characteristics of the times we are currently living in, that are not identified with the kingdom of God? What warnings should we heed as Christians?
5. Read Romans 14:17. What are the characteristics and evidence of God’s kingdom here on earth?
 - a. *How is the kingdom of God present and active within you? How do you allow the King to reign in you each day? How has your changed life impacted those around you?*

Read Luke 17:22-25

6. Jesus teaches His disciples in verse 25 that “The Kingdom of God Requires a Cross Before a Crown?” What is the significance of this passage in the context of Jesus’ return?
 - b. *How do we as Christian’s pickup our cross and die daily? What does this represent, and how is this different than what Jesus did on the cross for us? Read Luke 9:23-26 and Colossians 3:1-17.*

Read Luke 17:26-37

7. What commonality do you see being revealed here by Jesus, pointing to the days of Noah, the days of Lot and our current world we live in today? What does this imply about the sense of urgency in the world at the time of Christ’s return?
8. Why do you think Jesus included the warning to “remember Lot’s wife” in this discussion?
 - c. *How can we guard against becoming “too comfortable” in the world?*
 - d. *How might you end the sentence, “I don’t want Jesus to come until...”?*
9. What do we need to keep in the front of our minds as we “remember Lot’s wife” and guard ourselves against falling to her fate?
 - e. *How does the sense of an imminent return of Christ serve to provide us a warning of not being complacent as Christians? Read Matthew 25:14-30. Share your insights.*
 - f. *How you might you better invest your gifting from God to serve His Kingdom in the next week?*