



Examples of Watching

Background – This series is designed to give encouragement and hope about the end times and the return of Christ.

Key Verse - [Matthew 25:13](#)

Core Passage: [Matthew 25:1-30](#)

Take Away - Jesus loves us and doesn't want us to fear His return. So, keep watch and be prepared.

Sermon Guide:

- I. **What do you see when you read the words of Jesus concerning the end times?**
 - 1) We need to be ready and responsible.
[Matthew 25:1-13, Titus 2:11-14](#)
 - 2) We need to be productive.
[Matthew 25:14-30, Ephesians 6:7-8, Titus 3:4-7](#)
- II. **How can we apply God's Word to our lives?**
 - 1) Time is precious and we do not get any do-overs. Are you ready, responsible, and productive?
 - 2) Are you in or out? Make a decision.
- III. **Family/Small Group Discussion**
 - 1) Pray – That the words of Jesus in Matthew 25 will encourage and instruct our hearts.
 - 2) Briefly review the sermon outline. Have people read aloud a few of the scriptures covered and explain why they are important and meaningful.

3) Discuss together:

1. Similar to last week's passage, Jesus continued the theme of comparison between those who are true believers and those who are not. Compare and contrast the two groups of people detailed in [Matthew 25:1-13](#).
2. What are we supposed to learn from their examples? What are we commanded to do?
3. What significance do you see in the phrase found in verse 6, "Go out to meet him"? How can you practically apply that to your life daily?
4. Reflect on [Matthew 25:14-30](#). Based on the rewards and punishment the master gave his servants, how would you describe a faithful servant?
5. What do these parables teach you about how to prepare to meet the Savior?