

# SERMON OUTLINE

STAYING ALERT

July 11, 2021

## Keep preparing for Christ's return

Jesus warned us that the *timing* of His return will surprise everyone—so we must stay alert and relentlessly keep doing all He has commanded us to do.

**Mark 13:34-37, Matthew 24:45-51**

## Fully commit to Christ's vision

Jesus never offered to fit Himself into our lives and make all our dreams come true. He calls us to sacrifice our own lives, to leave everything and follow Him. When we fully connect to Him and make His vision our own, He lives through us.

**Matthew 15:10-20, 7:14-27, 12:33-37  
John 15**

## Stay alert

All of Jesus's stories focus on what to do *now*: how to live as citizens of His kingdom and how to prepare for the

ultimate, perfect, eternal kingdom that will begin when He returns.

### **Matthew 24 & 25, Proverbs 15:3**

As always, we invite you to revisit these ideas and read all these scriptures yourself in the version of your choice. Give the Holy Spirit a chance to speak to you and help you live out these truths. The Life Group Questions are designed to help you fully connect with these truths.