



Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

“Found Faithful”

Points from Sunday’s Message

Point 1 - Be Ready.

a) Jesus isn't looking for servants who can predict His return. He's looking for servants who are obediently doing His work when He returns.

Point 2 - Be Faithful.

a) The return of Christ should make us hopeful, holy, faithful, and urgent about the gospel.

Point 3 - Be Accountable.

a) God judges with perfect justice according to the truth, opportunity, and responsibility a person has received.

Key Verse:

“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”

— 1 Corinthians 4:2

Discussion Questions:

1. What are you looking at?

At 18, Pastor Garrett was told by men at his church that it was too bad he'd never marry, because Jesus was coming back first. Nine years and three kids later, his concern isn't their longing — it's what the date-hunting produced. Have you ever been more fluent in headlines than in your Bible? Where do you catch yourself staring at the sky like the disciples in Acts 1? What would the angels' question — “What are you looking at?” — sound like in your week?

Further Reading: Acts 1:6–11; Mark 13:32–37; Luke 21:7–9; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

2. Girded and burning

Anyone who has run a potato sack race knows you can't move with your legs tangled — girding up meant tucking in whatever was loose so you could move the moment the master called. “Readiness is not knowing when Jesus will return, it's living as if He will

return today.” What is loose in your life right now that would trip you up? What keeps oil in your lamp, and what has been letting it run low? Name one thing to tuck in this week.

Further Reading: Luke 12:35–40; Exodus 12:11; Romans 13:11–14; 1 Peter 1:13

3. Nothing cherished, nothing hidden

The King we wait for is the King who came to serve — “we’re not earning a place at the master’s table, Jesus paid the price to bring us there.” Does waiting for His return feel more like dread or like hope to you, and why? Garrett said most of us have a sin we think we’re hiding well. What “cherished rebellion” have you been telling yourself you’ll deal with later? Who could you bring into that this week?

Further Reading: Mark 10:42–45; Hebrews 4:12–16; Romans 6:11–14; 1 John 1:5–9

4. Stewards of people

The steward’s job was to give the household its food at the proper time, so faithfulness includes the people the Master has placed in your care. “A ready church is not merely waiting for Jesus, a ready church is actively helping people become ready to meet Jesus.” Who in your life may never hear a Cross Connection sermon or walk through our doors? What would giving them their portion look like right now? Name one person and one step you’ll take before the group meets again.

Further Reading: Luke 12:41–44; 1 Corinthians 4:1–2; 1 Peter 4:7–11; Matthew 28:18–20

5. When eternity feels distant

The unfaithful servant’s collapse started with a sentence in his heart — “my master is delaying his coming” — and his behavior followed. “When eternity becomes distant in our thinking, our temporary appetites become more powerful.” When has eternity felt far away for you, and which appetite got louder? Where are you acting like the house is yours — your time, your money, the people around you? What habit actually keeps eternity close for you?

Further Reading: 2 Peter 3:3–14; Colossians 3:1–4; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18; Matthew 6:19–21

6. The next faithful thing

Garrett’s five-year-old understands more than his three-year-old, so she carries more responsibility — and “to whom much is given, from him much will be required” is a warning before it’s a motivation. What truth do you already know but keep postponing? What ability are you burying instead of using? If Jesus returned today, what unfinished act of obedience would come to mind first — and what is the next faithful step you can take on it this week?

Further Reading: Luke 12:47–48; Matthew 25:14–30; Matthew 11:20–24; James 3:1

Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.