

Week 51: Being Ready for Christ's Return

Scripture Reading:

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." - Matthew 24:44

Opening Prayer:

Open with prayer by asking God for a heart that's always prepared for the return of Christ and for wisdom to live in a manner that honors Him daily.

Devotional:

One of the core teachings of the New Testament is the imminent return of Jesus Christ. While no one knows the exact time or hour of His return, we are exhorted to always be prepared. This doesn't mean looking for signs or trying to predict dates but living in a manner that reflects our readiness and eagerness for His coming. Being ready for Christ's return means living a life of holiness, witnessing for Him, and seizing every opportunity to serve Him and love others. This readiness also reflects in our daily decisions and interactions. Are we forgiving those who wrong us, or are we holding grudges? Are we sharing the Gospel with those around us? Are we faithful in our spiritual disciplines? Being ready means consistently choosing the Kingdom of God over the world. Our time on earth is temporary, and a glorious future awaits those who have put their trust in Him.

Discussion:

1. Why is it crucial for believers to always be prepared for Christ's return, even if it seems distant or uncertain?
2. In what areas of your life do you find it challenging to maintain readiness for Christ's return?
3. How can believers encourage one another to be vigilant and prepared?

Closing Prayer:

Close with prayer by thanking the Lord for the hope of Christ's return. Ask Him for the strength to live each day with that hope in the forefront of your mind and the grace to encourage others to do the same.