**Learn on Your Own**

**Day 1: All Day, Every Day**

Review the video for this session.



**Engage**

Read [Matthew 24:42–51](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt24.42-51).

**Consider**

Jesus’ return will be sudden and without warning—no last-minute repenting. We choose our eternal destiny by whose will we are surrendered to: our own or God’s. We don’t have to be freaked out by this. Rather, we need to be prepared by the way we live.

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| **QUESTION**  Reflecting on today’s reading, how does your lifestyle show you are ready for Jesus’ return? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do we need to be always ready for Jesus’ return? |

**Reflect**

Today’s passage gives us a picture of two opposing experiences: reward for obedience and regret because of disobedience. In both scenarios, the servant chooses his destiny.

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| **QUESTION**  What do you imagine will be the most rewarding part of spending eternity with Jesus? |

**Activate**

Read [1 Corinthians 15:51–54](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Co15.51-54) and [1 Thessalonians 4:13–18](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th4.13-18) to learn more.

**Pray**

Jesus, please replace any anxiety I may have about Your return with joy and hope. Your return means being in eternity with You! Help me to live in front of my family and friends in a way that helps them want to follow You, too. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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**Day 2: Ready or Not, Here I Come!**

**Engage**

Read [2 Peter 3:10–15](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe3.10-15).

**Consider**

The apostle Peter wrote this letter. In this section, he helps us understand more about future judgment and God’s heart for people. One day, God’s judgment will come whether we’re ready or not.

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| **QUESTION**  What does this passage say about God’s heart for people? |

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| **QUESTION**  How are we to live as we await Jesus’ return? |

**Reflect**

God’s view of time is different from ours. This is important. If we want to live a Jesus-centered and purposeful life, we need to think like Him. We need to be ready at any moment, even right now, for God’s plans for the future.

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| **QUESTION**  Is there any sin in your life you need to repent of to be ready to avoid God’s judgment? |

**Activate**

Memorize [2 Peter 3:13](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.2Pe3.13) this week.

**Pray**

Father God, thank You for being patient. Thank You for the hope I have through Your Son for salvation from judgment. Help me to live a pure and blameless life that reflects Jesus’ love to my friends and family. Amen.

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**Day 3: Didn’t See That Coming**

**Engage**

Read [Matthew 24:3–14](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Mt24.3-14).

**Consider**

There are many dramatic happenings in today’s reading. A good study Bible will confirm how many of Jesus’ prophecies were fulfilled centuries ago. Other events He talked about, like false prophets, wars, and earthquakes, are happening now in different places in the world. Yet, the final end of life as we know it has yet to occur.

In the middle of foretelling these events, Jesus made a powerful statement, “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” With the help of the Holy Spirit and the hope we have in Jesus Christ, let’s endure until He returns.

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| **QUESTION**  Is Jesus more concerned about the exact date of His return or the readiness of His disciples? |

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| **QUESTION**  What are some of the signs of Jesus’ return? |

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| **QUESTION**  How does sin weaken or chill our love for God? How do we keep that from happening? |

**Reflect**

Jesus was clear that many people are neither looking for nor living for Him. When He returns, they will not see Him coming. As you follow Jesus, however, He will help you endure faithfully to the end. All sacrifices you make for God and the hard times you face will be worth it!

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| **QUESTION**  What does it mean to endure to the end? What’s your biggest struggle when it comes to enduring in your relationship with Christ? |

**Activate**

Over the next several days, look through social media and the world news, looking for events that may be similar to what the Bible describes regarding the last days.

**Pray**

Eternal God, I want to be ready for Jesus’ return for His followers. I ask for the Holy Spirit’s power not to panic in chaotic times, to love You deeply despite rampant sin, and to never be misled by false prophets. Please help me reflect Your character to my friends and family members so they’ll want to know and love You, too. Amen.

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**Day 4: A Thief in the Night**

**Engage**

Read [1 Thessalonians 5:1–11](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.1Th5.1-11).

**Consider**

In these verses, the apostle Paul discussed the Lord’s return. There are also several other places in the New Testament, from various writers, concerning Jesus’ return. This shows us the importance of understanding this event, but most importantly, of being ready for Jesus’ return.

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| **QUESTION**  What is the Lord’s return compared to in these verses? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does it mean to be on guard and alert for the Lord’s return? |

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| **QUESTION**  How are we to encourage other followers according to Paul? |

**Reflect**

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| **QUESTION**  How does today’s reading encourage and build you up personally? |

**Activate**

Who can you challenge and encourage today about the Lord’s return? Ask the Lord to give you boldness and love as you do.

**Pray**

Lord God, thank You for the Blessed Hope I have in Jesus Christ. Help me to look forward to His second coming. Give me the courage to build up others with this good news. I pray that others in the Church are ready for Jesus’ return as well. Amen.

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**Day 5: Soon**

**Engage**

Read [Revelation 22:7–21](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Re22.7-21).

**Consider**

Revelation, the last book in the Bible, talks of a new heaven and new earth. It’s here that we receive the ultimate reward for being ready for Jesus’ return by spending eternity with Him. In this last chapter of Revelation, Jesus repeats himself regarding His return to emphasize the importance of remembering and responding to it.

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| **QUESTION**  How many times does Jesus tell us He is coming soon? |

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| **QUESTION**  What does Jesus tell us He is bringing in verse [12](https://ref.ly/logosref/Bible.Re22.12)? |

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| **QUESTION**  Why do you think Jesus repeats himself in these verses? |

**Reflect**

We will be rewarded for the things we’ve done for Jesus. All that is done while on earth matters.

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| **QUESTION**  How does knowing Jesus rewards us for the things we do challenge you in your walk with Him? |

**Activate**

Make a list of several things you’d like to do for Jesus, His Church, and other believers. As you accomplish these things, mark them from your list, even if it takes several months.

**Pray**

Almighty God, thank You for sending Jesus. Thank You for the promise of Jesus’ return. Help me to obey Your Word and live a holy life. May I serve You enthusiastically for the rest of my life, knowing it’s not in vain. I ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.