

Marine View Church Sermon-Based Small Groups
Week of February 24, 2008
Luke 12:35-48 – Watchful Servants

Starting Together

- If you have new group members, introduce yourselves to one another.
- Are you a “morning person” or a “night person”? Do you prefer to get up early or to stay up late? Why?

Studying Together

- Read aloud the passage: Luke 12:35-48. What insight is particularly meaningful to you from this week’s text or message?
- In the first of Jesus’ short stories in this passage (v. 35-38) what is the result for the servants who are ready for their master’s return?
- Why does Jesus say we must be ready not just anytime, but all the time (v. 39-40)?
- What may have motivated Peter’s question to Jesus? What is revealed in Jesus’ answer?
- What tempts the servants to fail to be “faithful and wise”? What are the consequences?

Living Together

- How do these vignettes about servants and their masters parallel our relationship with Jesus?
- If you knew that Jesus was coming back in 10 days, what would you do differently or what would you change? What keeps you from living that way now?
- Jesus’ story includes both inherent rewards for faithfulness and strong warnings about the consequences of unfaithfulness. In what ways does this teaching encourage, instruct, or motivate you as you follow Christ?
- With what has the Lord entrusted you as his servant? What might you do this week to increasingly be a faithful and wise manager?

Praying Together

- **Application:** Ask for God’s help in applying today’s passage to your life.
- **Personal requests:** How can this group pray for you?
- **Ministry (within the church):** Pray for the women’s retreat, Feb. 29-Mar. 2. Ask God to use these days to revive and rejuvenate the spirits of those who attend, and to help them connect in meaningful relationships with one another.
- **Outreach (to the world):** Pray for the middle school youth group’s mission trip to Centralia to help with flood relief, Mar. 14-16. Ask the Lord to use this time not only to minister to the flood victims but to grow our students’ faith.