

Discussion & Reflection Questions

Pentecost 9C - 10th of August 2025

Read: Luke 12.32-40

32 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. **33** Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. **34** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **35** 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; **36** be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. **37** Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. **38** If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. **39** 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. **40** You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Questions

1. Jesus calls his followers a "little flock" (v.32) why do you think he uses this phrase & how do you think it made them feel?
2. What does selling possessions & giving to the poor (v.33) reveal about the connection between treasure & the heart? How does that challenge us today in how we spend, accumulate & how we give? What do you treasure & what does that say about your heart?
3. What would be the modern equivalent of being dressed for action and keeping lamps lit (v.35)?
4. How do the images of a waiting servant & a returning master (v.36-38) help us understand how we relate to others & God?
5. How does the unexpected hour of the master's return (v.39-40) shape our understanding of living day to day? How does it shape our understanding of Jesus return/end times theology?

Prayer

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.