

MATTHEW 24:36-39


DISCUSSION GUIDE

STEP 1 - PRAY FOR GOD TO GIVE UNDERSTANDING

STEP 2 - READ TEXT


 Read the text: Matthew 24:36-39

STEP 3 - ACTIVITY

 The following activity will best be done on a white board, large post it sheet, or a piece of paper everyone can see.

In the sermon we talk about the importance of remaining alert and living as if Christ's return is always imminent. Make a list of ways that a Christian can stay alert. Then make a list of ways that Christians can fail to be alert.

 Now, discuss these items.

 POINT: Make sure they process what it looks like to be alert. This activity should cause them to look inward. Make sure they know that the Holy Spirit is what actually helps them.

STEP 4 - QUESTION AND ANSWER

😬 DISCUSS: In the sermon we discuss Jesus not knowing when He is to return. Discuss the dynamics of how Jesus could know all things, but at the same time not know when He will return.

✓ ANSWER: Christ willingly limited Himself while on Earth. He only accessed His divinity for the benefit of others.

😬 DISCUSS: In the sermon we talk about how it's important to be careful in claiming divine guidance when there isn't clear confirmation. Why is this important?

✓ ANSWER: It's critical. If someone proclaims the Lord told them something, and He didn't... they are taking His name in vain, and committing the sin of blasphemy. God doesn't need anyone to speak on behalf of Him.

STEP 5 - TAKE HOME AND DEEPER DISCUSSION

Are you awake and alert, or spiritually walking dead?