

Unit 13

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Mark 13:32-36

Open with Praise Time: *“Living the Word”* – In what ways were did you see the hand of God this week?

Scripture: Mark 13:32-36

LESSON PLAN



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters.

Show Video – www.youtube.com – Crocodile Bungee Jumping

Living life to fullest isn't always what it's cracked up to be. How would you to be that guy on the way down as he can see into the water. Suddenly living Lavita Loco is really loco. Jesus wants us to live life to the fullest but we often confuse what that really means. Today we'll let Jesus sort that out for us.

<u>Transition:</u> Living ready means keeping focused on what is truly important.
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The Bottom Line: Jesus teaches us to live ready for His return.

Apply: application ideas for both individual and family. (*Choose the applications you feel best apply the Bottom Line.*)

Read Mark 13:32-36

1. Who knows and who does not know about the exact time of Jesus' return?
2. Why wouldn't Jesus and the angels in heaven know?

Apply: Knowing Jesus is full of grace, what would you and I likely do if we knew the exact amount of time we had left until we had to face Jesus?

Apply: Knowing that God has chosen to leave us without a single clue, what sense of urgency should that place within you me toward our own lives?

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🌐 What urgency should it place within us concerning the people around us who are living life without a relationship with Christ Jesus?

3. Jesus now issues two commands based upon the fact that we live with a complete unknown about the date of Jesus' return, only that it will happen for sure. What are those two commands from Jesus?
4. What imagery does Jesus use to further get the point across that everyone needs to live ready for His return?



Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. God is *(Have the people break into four or five groups. Give them about 15 minutes, and then have them report their ideas. This could take another 10-15 minutes.)*

Consider these questions and have someone ready to report for your table:

- What is the Master's house as it pertains to you and me?
- How can we stay wide away?
- How can we help each other stay wide awake?
- Each servant had a unique roll in protecting the Master's property. What do you think your particular role is?

Re-read verses 35-36

5. What difference does it make when the owner comes back?

*Jesus ends this warning with the word "Watch!" Notice the exclamation mark! There is even more to this word. It does mean to stay awake, alert and focused. The Greek tense tells us even more. It is a present active imperative verb. That means **present** = ongoing, constant without a break, always in the process; **active** = you have to make the choice and actively do it; and **imperative** = a command, not a request, hint or suggestion!*

🌐 Knowing that what changes do you think Jesus may be calling you to make in your lifestyle?

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CARING TIME: SHARE AND PRAY

Share the bottom line: “Lordship of Christ – Jesus teaches us to live ready for His return.

Prayer: Praise God for at each table for what He has shown you this morning and pray for each other to have a new passion in your faith, to live ready for Jesus’ return at any second.