



Watch and be Ready
Matthew 25:1-13
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I. Distractions

- **Matthew 4:17** - From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- **Matthew 24:36** - "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only."
- **Acts 1:11** - "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

II. Clarification

- **Ephesians 2:8-10** - For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- **Philippians 2:12-13** - Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
- **2 Corinthians 13:5-6** - Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.

III. Readiness

- **John 17:3** - And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
- **Matthew 16:24-25** - Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

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What's Going on at The Bridge Community:

As a church we want to **"help people find Jesus and follow him fully."** When we are following Jesus fully, we will be doing the following 4 things:



1. **Reaching** out in service to others.

- **Have a need?:** If you or someone you know has a need, please contact us by clicking on the "Need Assistance?" link on the website or in the app. This is the **BEST** way to notify several leaders of how we can help!
- **Serving at TBC:** Jesus blesses us with *time, talent, and treasure* **and** plenty of opportunities to use them all for Him! Connect with Rob at rob@thebridgeutah.org.



2. **Teaching** others to delight in God and obey His calling in their lives.

- Sign up to go through a one-on-one discipleship program, **Roots**. Fill out the "Get Involved" card on the church center app, or contact Kevin at kevin@thebridgeutah.org.



3. **Growing** upward (in intimacy with God) and outward (in community)

- **Men's Bible Studies:** Tuesdays at 6:00am and Wednesdays at 6:30pm at TBC. Sign up in the app!
- **Women's Bible Studies:** Tuesdays at 7:00pm at TBC, and Wednesdays at 7:00pm on Zoom. More info is available in the app.
- **Women's Christmas Luncheon:** Saturday, December 13 from 12:00-2:30pm at TBC. Women are encouraged to attend and invite a friend. See the app for more details.
- **Advent Scripture Reading:** It's coming up on Christmastime again! We are looking for two children aged Scripture readers per service for our upcoming Advent season. If you have kids who are able to participate, please sign up in Church Center!
- **A Year With Jesus:** Join us as we read all four Gospels, three times this year! This month, we are reading through Luke. Read at your own pace in anticipation of John in December!



4. **Going** and making disciples, seeking and saving the lost.

- **Operation Christmas Child:** Check out the OCC guidelines at samaritanspurse.org for a list of acceptable items and pack a box for the Gospel. Boxes will be available on Nov. 2, and National Collection Week is Nov. 17-24
- **Pray** for Church Plants and missionary work that we support:
 - Neighborhood Church in Daybreak, Utah.
 - Summit 419 in Coalville, Utah.
 - Haley Horton in Bulgaria.

Other Announcements:

- **Tithes and Offerings** may be dropped off in the giving box at the West sanctuary entrance. (Contact cards or Easter Response cards may be dropped here as well).
- **On-line giving information:** Give online at <https://thebridgeutah.org/giving> or through the "Give" icon at the bottom of our Church Center App.
- **Got Wifi?:** Network name: TBC Guest, and the password is: SimplyJesus.