

# How to Face A Challenge

## Week Four: Alertness



We all can recall incidents when someone unexpectedly and suddenly died from a tragic illness or accident. One second they're fine, and the next second they pass on to eternity. None of us know when we will meet Jesus. It might be when He comes back a second time or it might be through death. One thing is sure: the day will come for each of us to meet Jesus. Depending on a person's relationship with Christ, that thought either invokes dread (fear) or delight. This week, we are going to talk about how we can stay alert, prepared, and ready to meet Him, whenever that day for us will come.

## Introspect

- What emotions do you feel at the thought of meeting Jesus someday? Does it invoke dread or delight? Explain your answer.
- What would you do if you knew you only had days to live?

## Investigate

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“Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”  
Matthew 25:13 (ESV)

### Read Luke 21:33-38

- What makes Jesus' message so significant and important for us to understand?
- How can dissipation, drunkenness, and the cares of this life affect our preparedness to meet Jesus?

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“Be sober-minded; be watchful.” 1 Peter 5:8a (ESV)

### Read 1 Peter 5:6-11

- Why is humility so important to possess, yet challenging to live out at times?
- How does a person stand firm in their faith?
- Why is it important to view our challenges as only temporary?

### Incorporate

- What distractions have caused you to feel as if you're unprepared to meet Jesus? Is it hard for you to let go of those distractions? Why or why not?
- How is being alert and prepared to meet Jesus not the same as being obsessed with the end times? What effect does either perspective have with the way you live?
- Think about your last day. Are you prepared? What are some changes you might need to make to remain alert and prepared for your last day? How are you helping others be prepared for their last day?

### Investment

During the Reach series we discussed the vision to reach 40,000 people, and the strategy of:

- 1 campus of 10,000
- 10 campuses of 1,000
- 100 campuses of 100
- 1,000 campuses of 10

- Please pray for the launch of our new **West Rowan Community Campus** on December 7.
- Pray for the team as they prepare.
- Pray for the people who will attend the campus.
- Pray about how God may use you to serve as we continue to launch campuses of all sizes—near and far.

