

Unknown Hour
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- Why do people say that death is the great unknown?
- What “unknowns” are you dealing with currently?
- How does the “unknown” impact your life?
- What is your favorite comfort Scripture verse and why?

Read John 14:1-3.

- What are the promises contained in these verses?
- Who is Jesus making those promises to?

Read Matthew 24:36-44.

3 Things We Need to Know about the Unknown Hour

1. No One Knows

- Why would someone think that we are now experiencing the end of the world?
- Do you remember where you were when you heard about 9-11 attacks?
- Why was the 9-11 attack so impactful on America?
- What do you think it will be like in the world as a result of the rapture?
- Why is the Father keeping the timing of the Rapture to himself?

Read Acts 1:7.

- Why do you feel that people attempt to predict the Rapture?
- What are some ways that scholars could come up with a possible date?
- What kind of impact would such false predictions have on the church/world?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2.

- What was Paul’s position on such attempts?

2. Not Everyone Will be Prepared

- Share an example of a situation in your life where you were unprepared
- Share an example of a situation in your life where you were prepared
- What point is Jesus making when he talks about the 1 who is taken and the other left?

Read the parable of the Ten Virgins from Matthew 25.

- Who do the characters in this parable represent?
- What does the oil represent?
- Why didn't or couldn't the wise virgins share their oil with the foolish?
- Why were the foolish virgins left behind?
- What is the message that Jesus is communicating in this parable?

Read 1 Timothy 4:1a.

- Do you feel that the foolish virgins expected to be left behind?

Read Matthew 7:21.

- Why were the people in this verse surprised?

3. Be Ready

- In Matthew 24 Jesus uses the illustration of home security. How could Jesus' listener prevent a robbery in their home?
- Why are video doorbell systems becoming so popular?
- When do we become most concerned about home security?
- Why is it difficult to have a promise without a timetable?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17.

- What can we do in order to be ready for Jesus' return?

Read Mark 13:33

- Is Jesus return (Rapture) more about punishment or reward in your view?

Read and reflect on 2 Peter 3:8-10a.