

## The Day and Hour Unknown - Matthew 24:36-51

*Topics:* Blindness, Celebration, Delay, Eternal Life, Expectations, Hell, Hypocrisy, Ignorance, Judgment, Last Days, Mercy, Preparation, Second Coming, Sin, Surprises, Waiting

### Open It

- \* 1. What is the most surprised you've ever been in your life?
- 2. What are some ways people show their unbelief in God?
- 3. With what mysteries are people intrigued today?

### Explore It

- 4. Who knows when the end times will come? (24:36)
- 5. When did Jesus say these end time events would occur? (24:36)
- 6. Who did Jesus say knows the day and hour of the end? (24:36)
- 7. To what did Jesus compare the end of the world? (24:37)
- 8. How will most people react when the end comes? (24:38-41)
- 9. What illustrations did Jesus use to show the suddenness of His return? (24:40-41)
- 10. What warning did Jesus give His disciples? (24:42)
- \* 11. To what did Jesus liken His coming? Why? (24:43-44)
- \* 12. What qualities did Jesus say His servants will need to be ready for His coming? (24:45-47)
- \* 13. What did Jesus warn would happen to those who doubt His coming? (24:48-51)

### Get It

- 14. What would you do if you hired a house sitter/caretaker to watch your home and children, left for a week-long vacation, and then returned a day early only to find that your caretaker had neglected your kids, destroyed your property, and ignored all your other instructions?
- 15. What does it mean for us to be watchful?
- 16. How can you tell when you are being watchful?
- 17. What difference does it make whether we believe in the imminent return of Christ?
- 18. Even if we claim to believe in Christ, what are some ways we live as though we were atheists?
- 19. How might a non-Christian look at your life and accuse you of not believing in the imminent return of Jesus Christ?
- \* 20. How would you react if you knew a thief would try to burglarize your home or apartment tonight?
- \* 21. How can we have a sense of expectation about the return of Christ?
- 22. How do you know that hell is a horrible place?

### Apply It

- \* 23. How can you use your time today to honor the Lord's imminent return?
- 24. What steps can you take today to be a better steward of the gifts and information God has entrusted to you?