

THE LONG WAIT

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“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

— Matthew 25:13 (NIV)



EVERY NATION
SINGAPORE

HOOK

 Start the conversation by saying...

A US airport reduced complaints about baggage wait times to near zero by moving the arrival gates 6 times farther from the luggage carousel. It worked because occupied time feels shorter than unoccupied time.

ENGAGE

 Go deeper with this...

How do you usually spend your waiting time?

LINK

 Connect to God's truth by sharing...

- Jesus told His disciples parables about how we should live as we wait for Him to come again.
- The day of Jesus' coming will be unexpected, so how can we prepare for it?
- Be wise. Wisdom is preparing and thinking ahead for a long wait (Matthew 25:3–4). Wisdom is acknowledging when you don't know something (Matthew 25:13).
- Be faithful and fruitful with the gifts and talents God gave you.
- Be loving, because there really is a final judgment, and God sees how we treat those around us (Matthew 25:40).
- The best preparation for Jesus' return is to love others and keep doing the work of God.

PAUSE

 Pick a question and pray together...

Discuss Together (*pick one*)

- How seriously do you consider the second coming in your daily life? Does it affect how you act and decide?
- Do you feel that you have been wise, faithful, and loving? Why or why not?
- Which of these do you need to work on the most? Please elaborate.

Pray Together (*pick one*)

- Pray that God will show you how to live for Him and do His work while we live on earth. Pray for Him to reveal His purpose for your life.
- Pray that you will live wisely, faithfully, and lovingly. Pray for others to see Jesus in the way you live.

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“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

— Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

— Matthew 25:40 (NIV)