Bible Study 16 – Faithful stewards of trust– Luke 12:35-48

Picture a doorman at an old hotel who works the overnight shift. Most nights nothing happens. No one would blame him for dozing off or for slipping away for a long break. The owner lives overseas and hasn't been seen in months. But this doorman keeps the lobby swept, the brass polished, and the desk lamp lit. When someone asks why he bothers, he says, "Because the owner could walk through that door tonight, and I want him to find me doing exactly what he trusted me to do". Then one night, well after midnight, the owner arrives. And instead of inspecting the premises, the owner sits the doorman down and serves him a meal himself.

The context	Luke wrote a historical biography of the life of Jesus Christ. Jesus was both human and the divine Son of God. He was a descendant of the Jewish king David. He healed many people, drove out demons and taught about the kingdom of God. Jesus called the disciples to follow Him and trained them to takeover His ministry after He was gone. He began ministering in Galilee (4:14-9:50). And He left on His last trip to Jerusalem (Lk. 17:11) and entered on Palm Sunday (Lk. 19:28-44).

PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Luke 12:35-48

Parable (v.35-40)	
Faithful servant (v.41-44)	
Unfaithful servant (v.45-46)	
Degrees of punishment (v.47-48)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarize a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What does the Lord require of His servants (1 Corinthians 4:1-5)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Jesus told His disciples to be prepared for His return – this is the second coming, as the rapture had not yet been revealed. But the rapture will also be unexpected. Are we using the supernatural endowments (gifts) God has given us to do His work? Are we a reliable steward? Can God count on us? If Jesus came today, would He find us ready? Jesus is not calling us to calculate when He will return, but to consider how He will find us when He does.

Obey

Since God's word is true, what must I change in my life to obey God?
What must I do to obey?

I will
I will
I will

Questions to help me apply this study to myself

- Is there a *SIN* for me to avoid?
- Is there a *PROMISE* from God for me to claim?
- Is there an *EXAMPLE* for me to follow?
- Is there a COMMANDMENT or MODEL for me to follow?

Share

Who will I tell about this Bible passage?

Who needs help? What can we do to help over the next two weeks?

Person	**How will I help them?**

Prayer

Date:

One thing you are thankful for.
One thing that's bothering you or causing stress.
Is there anything this group can do to help you?

Person	**Prayer points**