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How To Be Prepared:

First, we must see what God has prepared.

Reasons why we are unprepared:

Because we aren't _____.

Because we _____ and _____.

Because of _____.

What we can do to get prepared:

Get into the _____.

Ready our _____ for action.

Put on the _____ of God.

Be prepared in order to prepare others!

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. Read Ephesians 2:10. What good works do you feel like God has created you for? How has he prepared these for you? How has he prepared you for accomplishing them?
2. We listed three reasons we are not prepared: because we aren't growing, because we fight and quarrel, and because of sin. Do you struggle with any of these in your own life? Which one is the toughest to combat?
3. One way to be ready is by spending time in God's Word. What is your plan for doing this on a daily basis?
4. Peter tells us to prepare our minds for action, and then describes what that looks like in 1 Peter 1:13-16. How does this play out in your life?
5. Another way to be prepared is by putting on the full armor of God. What piece of armor is your strongest? Your weakest? (See Ephesians 6:10-20.)
6. We are to be prepared to be able to prepare others for the place that Jesus is preparing. Who are you investing in?
7. Agree or disagree: "For the strengthening of our own faith and for the help of others, we must be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks us a reason for the hope that is within us." (Paul Little, in *Know Why You Believe*). Why did you answer as you did?
8. For further study, read and discuss the following Scriptures: Hebrews 5:11-14; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Ephesians 6:10-20; Ephesians 4:11-16; John 14:1-3.