

## Melbourne Community Church (MCC)

Sunday Service — February 19, 2023

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  2. One taken, one left ([24:40-42](#))
  3. The homeowner & the thief ([24:43-44](#))

##### C. Parables on How to Wait ([24:45-25:30](#))

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- We *wait* by staying awake and *watchful*.
- We *wait* by carrying on and *carrying out our duties*.
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What will happen to the “sheep”?

Why did the sheep claim they did not recognize the Lord in distress?

What will happen to the “goats?”

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