

The Heart of the Matter

12. Have you ever faced persecution for your faith? What happened?

13. What is the most exciting thing to you about the Second Coming?

14. What do you need to do right now to be better equipped to stand guard against false teaching, deceptions and false Christs?

15. Are you ready for Jesus' return? As time is running out, who else do you need to tell about the love of Christ?

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Life Group Study Guide

(Life Groups Coming Fall 2017)

Be On Your Guard Mark 13:1-23 For the Week of February 26, 2017

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling?
2. What is the most impressive man made structure you have ever seen? What impressed you the most about it?
3. What is something that you would like to do, accomplish or see happen before the Lord returns?

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Digging Deeper

4. Starting in verses 1-2 why do you think Jesus used the discussion about the temple to begin his discourse about the end of the age? What made the temple so significant for the disciples? What would its destruction symbolize for them?

5. After hearing about the temple in verse 2, what two questions do the disciples ask in verse 4? Do you have similar questions? How so?

6. What events might deceive the disciples into thinking the end times had come according to verses 5-8? What will the signs in verses 5-8 indicate?

7. After the signs of verses 5-8, what things will happen to the disciples and the early church in verses 9-13? What comfort and advocate will aid them to endure their trials?

8. In verse 14 what dreadful event will bring “days of distress” unequalled in human history? (Daniel 9:26; 11:31; 12:11)

9. From verses 21-22 what deceptive signs will accompany that “distress”?

10. What can we do to be on guard for these coming signs and events? (V23) What encouragement should we take from 2 Peter 3:3-15 concerning the end times?

11. What do most people in our world think about the ideas surrounding the end times? From your experience, what worldly influences are affecting most people concerning their thoughts about these coming events?