

The Heart of the Matter

12. What is on your “bucket list” to accomplish before Jesus’ return?

13. What “fig tree” type signs are you seeing in our world that seem to indicate that Jesus’ return is near?

14. What do you need to do to stay on your guard or to be more awake in anticipation of His return?

15. Are you ready for Jesus to return right this moment? If not, what do you need to do to be ready?



Life Group Study Guide

(Life Groups Coming Fall 2017)

Stay Awake Mark 13:24-37

For the Week of March 5, 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 was the most difficult situation you were in where you needed to stay awake or keep watch?

3. When Jesus returns what do you hope He will find you doing? Where would you like to be when He returns? Why?

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Digging Deeper

4. According to verses 24-27, how will the Son of Man come? Why do you think such incredible astrological phenomena will accompany the return of Christ?
5. From verses 24-27, how would you describe these events in your own words?
6. What is so significant about what we read in verse 27 for those who are believers? (Isaiah 65:9; Romans 8:28-39; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Timothy 2:10)
7. How does the “fig tree” lesson in verses 28-29 answer the disciples questions from verse 4? (also Mark 11:12-14, 20-21)
8. What promises does Jesus give in verses 30-31? How would this comfort or discomfort the disciples? What do these promises mean to you?
9. How would you reconcile Jesus’ predictions of the destruction Jerusalem with his predictions of His return?
10. Why do you think the Father has kept the time secret as is mentioned in verse 32? What are our responsibilities in the mean time?
11. In Mark 13:1-37 find all the verses that address our need to be on guard, to be awake or or to be watchful. What is Jesus trying to tell us more than anything else through this passage?