

Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGE - Matthew 24 & 25

Matthew 24:1 "Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. ² But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." ³ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

4 And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. 5 For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. 6 And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

9 "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. 10 And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. 11 And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. 12 And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

Other Passages: Luke 20:21-22, Ex. 34:6, Deut. 7:9, Psa. 36:5, Lam. 3:22-23, Heb. 13:8, 2 Thess. 3:3.

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

Dive into God's Word. Use these discussion questions. Learn from each other's insight.

1. Do you find it easy to worry about the future? What types of things causes you to worry and be distracted over what might be?
2. After Jesus gave this teaching, Judas left, taking his future into his own hands, out of his fear. What aspect of your life and future are you claspng tight? Take a moment on your own to be honest with Jesus, and consider sharing as a group to pray together.
3. Read Mt. 24:4-11, and 23-26, these verses talk about being deceived and led astray. What's a practical step you can take today to anchor yourself into truth, so you won't be able to be led astray?
4. If prophecy is meant to impact our lives and values today—what do we need to let go of so we can orient our lives to a future certainty with Christ?
5. Are you proclaiming the Gospel? When was the last time you did that?
6. Spend a few moments reading the following Bible verses on God's faithful to encourage your hearts and serve as an anchor this coming week: Ex. 34:6, Deut. 7:9, Psa. 36:5, Lam. 3:22-23, Heb. 13:8, 2 Thess. 3:3.

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS