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**Transformation, the single most important thing He does.
Matthew 24:15-31 NASB**

Introduction

¹⁴ This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),¹⁶ then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.¹⁸ Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on a Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. ²² Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

²³ Then if anyone says to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or ‘There *He is,*’ do not believe *him*. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵ Behold, I have told you in advance. ²⁶ So if they say to you, ‘Behold, He is in the wilderness,’ do not go out, *or*, ‘Behold, He is in the inner rooms,’ do not believe *them*. ²⁷ For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be. ²⁸ Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

²⁹ “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send forth His angels (messengers) with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

So What?!

Faithfulness to Scripture means:

#1. SINCERE application.

Vs. 15, “...when you see...”

Vs. 16, “...flee...”

Vs. 20, “...pray that your flight...”

#2. DISCERNMENT from Jesus.

Vs. 23, “If anyone says to you, here is the Christ,”

Vs. 26, “...He is in the wilderness...He is in the inner rooms, do not believe them.”

#3. LOYALTY to family.

Matt. 22:14, “For many are called, but few are (elect) chosen.”

Vs. 22, 24, 31, “they will gather together the (His) elect...”

#4. FULFILLMENT of one purpose.

Vs. 14, “This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached...”

Vs. 31, “...He will send forth His angels (messengers) with a great trumpet and they will gather together His elect from the four winds...”

Questions for further discussion.

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Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Different people learn in different ways. One style of learning is to read a book and those people will remember all the information. Others need to hear information spoken in order to remember it. Another group need to use additional faculties and smell, touch, taste in order to learn something. What kind of learner are you and of the 3 learning styles mentioned how do you learn?

Read: Matthew 24:14-31

Jesus told his disciples to sincerely apply His words to their lives. “When you see the abomination of desolation, flee...run!” Vs. 15-20 A very important and practical application for the disciples in Jerusalem. And in 70 AD Jerusalem was destroyed and the Christians ran from the city and were safe. What is one of the most useful verses of scripture you use? Is there a verse or a passage you go back to time and again for encouragement, hope, correction, peace, patience? Why does it work for you? How does it change your attitudes or actions? If you don’t a verse or passage turn to Galatians 5:22-23 and talk about how you can use the fruit of the Spirit for encouragement during your day.

**Jesus told the disciples to recognize and discern false leaders and teachers who would try to mislead people. Vs. 23-26
Are there false leaders today? What are the attributes of godly Christ-centered leadership? What one attribute of godly leadership do you need to emphasize in your life this week?**

Jesus says the “elect” vs. 22, 24, 31 are people who accept Jesus as their Savior and loyally follow Him. What does loyalty look like? Who do you know who’s a very loyal person? What do you feel like your loyal to? Is there an aspect of loyalty that’s missing from your life?

Finally Jesus says that the disciples are to speak the gospel and gather together people who are willing to accept Christ as their Savior. Vs. 14 & 31 Review your oikos card and take 10 minutes to pray in your small group about those people you’re wanting to invite into relationship with Jesus or to GateWay some Sunday.

Family Time: Buy a puzzle appropriate to the age of your kids. Either individually or as a group put the puzzle together multiple times. Talk to your kids about how they get faster at putting the puzzle together each time they do it because practice helps them get better at the task. Jesus asks us to practice using His word and we get better at it as we practice. Talk about how Jesus wants us to be at church learning more of His word and so we go on Sunday and the more we go the easier it is because it becomes a habit and we obey Him.