



# ENCOUNTERING JESUS

AT THE END OF THE AGE

## Matthew 24:32-51

### Getting Started

Do you have any funny “falling asleep in public” stories? You could be the sleeper or have witnessed someone else.

### Discussion

What stood out from the sermon?

What are we supposed to learn from Jesus’ lesson of the fig tree?

In vs. 36-41 Jesus is warning us that there is a threat in our world of being lulled into spiritual slumber. Can you relate? How has, or how can “normal life” lull you into a spiritual grogginess, where you are distracted and unprepared for the coming of Christ?

Jesus commands us to “keep watch” and “be ready” in vs. 42 and 44. How can we be proactive to obey these repeated commands?

Why does Jesus label the servant from v. 48 as “wicked?” What deeper issues may lead to his impatience? As the servant becomes impatient, how does he begin to live his life? (v. 49)

### As you go

Read Revelation 1 & 21 this week, and meditate on the great hope presented in these passages of the return of our King and the establishment of his Kingdom of which we are a part.

### Prayer

Who has a need they would like the Group to pray for? How about a story from this past week of victory and praise?

Take a few moments to confess any spiritual slumber that has crept in your life, dulling your love-fueled obedience and anticipation of Christ’s return

