

Questions for eGroup Discussion

What to Expect as the End Approaches

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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

What's been your experience to-date with the Bible's teachings on the "end times?"

How have you responded emotionally to these teachings, and what actions (if any) were encouraged in terms of preparation from teachers you've heard?

In general, how often do you find yourself thinking about Jesus' return, or does this topic even interest you?

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You and To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 21:5-38 aloud.

From these verses as well as from Pastor Alan's message, what stands out to you, intrigues you, inspires you, or creates some tension for you?

In what ways was Pastor Alan's message similar to or different than the teachings you've heard in the past on these verses? Explain.

In what ways is it possible to be deceived in our understanding of Jesus' return? (verse 8. See also 2 Timothy 3:1-5, 13)

How have you seen or personally experienced this today?

Read verses 9-11, 14.

Why are fear and worry often our default responses when confronted with things like this?

To what degree do you wrestle with fear or worry experiencing or anticipating this occurring?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

How do the temptations of verses 34-36 appear to provide an easy out?

How does Jesus encourage a very different response, and what might this kind of a response look like for you? (verses 12-19, 28)

What is God's part and what's our part in making this happen? Before you respond, also read Ephesians 6:13.

How would you summarize in one sentence, the main point you think God is most wanting us to take away from Luke 21:5-38?

Application: *What Is God Saying To Us/Me?*

In general, what is God saying to you personally from this week's message and eGroup discussion?

How well do you feel you're "standing up and looking up" these days? Explain.

Is there anything God is asking you to do, change, or explore further in response to this?

What's a practical next step for you in terms of follow-through?

How can your group be praying for you and supporting you in this?

Experience the Spirit

Prayer: Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word

As you pray for one another this week, begin by praying for responses to this week's message and eGroup discussion, specifically for places where group members are more prone to experience fear than God's prevailing presence.

When you're done, spend time praying for general needs and concerns for one another.

Engage in Mission

It's our desire that every individual and eGroup at Christ Community make a difference by compassionately moving outward toward people who are lost, needy, and broken, demonstrating the love of Jesus in highly relational ways.

A reminder that Summer is the perfect time to blend eGroup community with highly-relational connections with people who've yet to have a relationship with Christ. Things like cookouts, camping trips, outdoor concerts, and trips to the mountains, the lake, or to a Rockies game can become the context for building relationships, asking good questions, and genuinely caring for people, regardless of their spiritual upbringing.

As your eGroup maps out its plans for the next couple of months, why not build in a couple of gatherings for this purpose? Be creative, and make it fit the unique network of friends, neighbors, and activities your group members enjoy doing. And then pray for God to show up and do something really cool!



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