

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Olivet Discourse: Living Faithfully Until Jesus Returns

Sermon: Matthew 24:15-35

Date: September 27, 2026

1. *Read Matthew 24:15-22.* How have you heard a passage like this taught or explained in the past? How would understanding this passage as having its fulfillment in the destruction of 70 A.D. strengthen our faith and confidence in God and His word?
2. Pastor Jared mentioned that early Christians who took Jesus at His word and fled to safety and were spared from destruction. Which teachings of Jesus are easiest for you to trust and obey? Which ones are more difficult? Why?
3. *Read Matthew 24:23-28.* Why do you think people can be particularly vulnerable to deception during seasons of fear, uncertainty, or hardship?

4. Pastor Jared provided 4 questions to discern false teaching:

- *Does this teaching point me to the biblical Jesus?*
- *Does this teaching correspond with the truth we find in the Bible?*
- *Does this teaching point to the gospel?*
- *Where does this teaching lead me?*

How have you discerned what is faithful teaching vs false teaching? How does our technological culture consisting of youtube, podcasts, social media, and video reels make this kind of discernment all the more important?

5. *Read Matthew 24:29-35.* How does knowing that Jesus reigns supreme over every earthly power help you navigate the chaos and brokenness of our culture?

6. Pastor Jared contrasted several cultural patterns with a distinctly Christian response: self-centeredness with service, outrage with speaking the truth in love, loneliness with hospitality, acquiring/hoarding with generosity, and judgment with grace. Which of these contrasts most challenges you personally? In what ways have you seen positive fruit from living in these countercultural ways?

