

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE OLIVET DISCOURSE: LIVING FAITHFULLY UNTIL JESUS RETURNS

Sermon Text: Matthew 24:36-51

Date: October 4, 2026

OVERVIEW

Jesus does not call us to predict the timing of His return, but to live faithfully in light of its certainty. Because Christ has borne our sin and judgment at the cross, His people can anticipate His return with hope rather than fear—living with an eternal perspective, faithfully stewarding what He has entrusted to us, and longing for the day when we will be with Him forever.

Related Scriptures: Genesis 6-7; Matthew 6:19-21; Hebrews 12:1-2

Read: Matthew 24:36-44

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or passage?
2. Why do you think we are so drawn to predicting or trying to control the future? How does Jesus shift our attention from *when* He will return to *how we should live* while we wait?
3. Jesus compares His return to the days of Noah, when people were simply going about the ordinary routines of life. What are some good and ordinary things that can consume so much of our attention that we lose sight of eternity? How can we enjoy God's good gifts without allowing them to become the center of our lives?

- Read:** Matthew 24:36-44
5. What distinguishes the faithful servant from the wicked servant? Rather than trying to earn God's favor through our faithfulness, how does the grace we have already received in Christ free and motivate us to faithfully use the time, relationships, resources, and opportunities God has entrusted to us?
 6. Pastor Jared mentioned two very different responses to Jesus' return: fear and joyful anticipation. How does the gospel transform the return of Christ from something to fear into something believers can eagerly anticipate?

