

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Olivet Discourse: Living Faithfully Until Jesus Returns

Sermon: Matthew 24:1-14

Date: September 20, 2026

1. *Read Matthew 24:1-3.* The disciples were awestruck by the Jerusalem temple, but Jesus warned that not one stone would be left standing. Why are we so easily impressed by physical achievements, status, or worldly security, and how does remembering that "it's all going to crumble" shift our perspective and priorities?
2. How does understanding that we are God's temple (1 Peter 2:9) change the way we view the church and its mission?
3. *Read Matthew 24:4-8.* What kinds of voices or circumstances are most likely to produce fear or distract you from Jesus? What practical things can we do personally to keep our eyes fixed on Christ? How can we help one another to keep from getting distracted?

4. Pastor Jared made the distinction that we should never “confuse watching for Jesus with walking with Jesus.” What do you think that means? How can an unhealthy fascination with the future actually distract us from faithfully following Jesus today?

5. *Read Matthew 24:9-14.* Jesus prepares His disciples for suffering, opposition, and persecution rather than promising them an easy life. How does the cross reshape the way Christians understand suffering? How does the hope of Christ’s return give us strength to endure hardship without losing hope or allowing our love to grow cold?

6. What truths about Jesus or specific passages of Scripture help you stay anchored to hope?

Pray for opportunities to share the hope of the gospel with others as we seek to be “good news people in a bad news world.”

