



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

9/24/2023

SERIES: One off

MESSAGE: What In The World

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. What has taken your attention in world affairs this week? How have you seen and felt yourself responding to events in the world this week?
2. How do you define peace? What does it look like for you personally, within your family, between nations?
3. What is your perspective on the role Israel plays in end-time scenarios? How has your thinking changed over the years?
4. Read Matthew 24:1-8. What is the setting for this interchange? What questions are the disciples asking? What are questions you would ask in this situation?
5. What are some of the ways we can be tempted to be misled in these times? How can we not fall prey to that kind of temptation?
6. When we hear of wars and rumors of wars, we are not to panic or be alarmed. What helps us not fall into panic or alarm? What does a panicked response by believers to events show our world about God?
7. Read Matthew 24:9-13. What does it mean to endure? What does Jesus promise to those who endure?
8. Read Matthew 24:14. How does preaching the gospel focus our attention on the mission and help us to endure? What does preaching the gospel look like in everyday life for Jesus followers?
9. Read Matthew 25:34-36. How does Jesus call us to preach the gospel until he comes again? Let's pray for peace.
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the App.

GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"



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- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer “unspoken” prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church