

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What's one thing that makes you feel confident or empowered when you have to step into something new or uncomfortable?

In the Garden, humanity's first sin came from wanting to know what God had not revealed. How does that same temptation show up today when people become obsessed with timelines or "secret" end-times knowledge? What's the danger of pursuing knowledge outside of trust?

In John 17:20–23 and 1 Corinthians 1:10–13 Jesus and Paul both plead for unity among believers. Why do you think discussions about end times and prophecy so easily divide Christians? How can we hold our views faithfully and stay united in love and mission?

Why is it so hard for us to "lean not on our own understanding" (Proverbs 3:5-6) when the world feels unstable? In Isaiah 55:8–9 God reminds us that "His thoughts and ways are higher than ours" How does recognizing His perspective help us release the need to figure everything out on our own?

Read Hebrews 6:16–20 and Romans 8:31. God guaranteed His promises with an oath and calls our hope in Him "an anchor for the soul." How can trusting His faithfulness help us remain steady in uncertain times?

God is in charge of the plan and timing of His kingdom—our role is to participate faithfully in what He calls us to do. How can you focus on being part of God's team rather than trying to control or predict His plans?

Read Matthew 24:42–46; 2 Peter 3:9–12 Jesus and Peter call us to be alert and active while waiting for His return. What practical steps can you take this week to live in a state of spiritual readiness?

GOING FURTHER

MEMORIZE:

Romans 8:31

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

NOTES FOR GROUP LEADERS:

SUGGESTED GROUP FLOW *(based on 60-75 min group meeting)*

Catch Up → Announcements → Read & Discuss Passage → Group Discussion → Prayer
5-10 min 2-3 min 10-15 min 30-40 min 15-20 min

NOTE FOR LEADER:

As we study the book of Mark, consider taking the following approach to help your group gain a greater understanding of the book, as well as apply the lessons from it. **FIRST**, read the passage from Mark (see top of previous page) aloud as a group. **SECOND**, spend some time discussing the passage. What stood out or what did you notice? What questions did you have about what you read? **THIRD**, discuss the sermon from the weekend. Was there anything that you learned, confused you, or stood out to you? **LAST**, spend some time going through the discussion questions below.

If there are no group announcements listed, take a few minutes to visit obcc.church/events to see what's coming up. Pay attention to baptism dates, next step classes, or events your group can attend together.