

## **NOTES**

*Scripture: Mark 13, Matthew 24, 2 Corinthians 5, Revelation 20:11-15, and 1 Corinthians 6:19*

## **REVIEW AND INTRODUCTION**

1. Looking back over your notes, what did you find most helpful, challenging, or interesting in this week's teaching? Was there anything you've never heard before or something that made you think differently?
2. Do you have any friends with whom you regularly disagree? What does that look like?
3. How can you have productive, meaningful, and cordial conversations with someone with whom you disagree?
4. How do you handle eschatological/apocalyptic literature (i.e., much of the book of Daniel, Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 12, Revelation)? Do you become fearful, hopeful, avoid it, or something else?

**MY STORY**

1. Is there anything in Scripture that you don't find to be clear? What is it? How do you rectify that lack of clarity in your walk with Jesus?
2. How do you love someone with whom you disagree? Do you do this well? Share an example with your Life Group about how you do this well and/or how you struggle with this?
3. Think of the statement Chris shared, "In the essentials, unity. In non-essentials, liberty. In all things, charity". What do you think about that statement? What does it mean to you? Talk it over with your Life Group.
4. Chris said, "whether or not Jesus is coming back soon doesn't change the way we should live now as followers of Jesus." Do you agree with that? What does that statement look like lived out?
5. Chris shared some examples of living in tension in various scriptures. How do you do with living in tension? Do you struggle with that? Do you want everything to be wrapped up in a bow with the tensions resolved or are you able to live in the tension?
6. Part of living faithfully is not growing weary in doing good and not getting discouraged in suffering. Think through both of these ideas. How is your faith related to how you do with not growing weary and not getting discouraged? How are you doing with both? Can you think of an area for improvement?

**DIGGING DEEPER**

*Read through these guiding scriptures and answer the corresponding questions.*

**Read Mark 13**

1. In verses 32 – 37, Jesus repeats the idea multiple times to be alert, be on watch, be on guard. What does this mean in context to the rest of the chapter?
2. How specifically are you watching, being alert, being on guard?
3. What specific role does Jesus tell us in Mark 13 that the Holy Spirit has in the end times? Does He (the Holy Spirit) have a similar role in our lives now? How have you seen Him manifest this role in your life?

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:10, Revelation 20:11-15, 2 Corinthians 5:21, and 1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

1. Do you believe everyone will stand before Christ in judgment?
2. What does it mean to stand before Christ in judgment? What's the difference between what this means to a follower of Jesus and an unbeliever?
3. Does reading these passages and thinking about this motivate you to any action? What will you do with that?

**BRINGING IT HOME**

1. Jesus is not coming back as the slain lamb but rather as the awesome Lion of Judah – when Jesus comes back, He is coming back in majesty. Do you believe that? How are you living like you believe that?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 and 6:18-20. What does it mean that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit? Given the truth in that scripture, are you honoring God with your body? Why do you think sexual immorality (sin) is stressed here? Share with your group.
3. Where are you living in tension in your walk with Jesus? Think of a specific example and share with your Life Group.
4. Chris talked about how important it is to live with the end in mind. How good are you at remembering that and living as if Jesus is coming back today?
5. If you knew for a fact (which you won't) that Jesus is coming back at 5 PM today, what would you do differently?
6. Given that He can come back at any time, why aren't you already doing the things differently you mentioned in your answer to the previous question? What specifically do you need to do in your life, so you live differently as if He were coming back today?
7. What does it mean to live your life victoriously? How are you doing with this? How can we encourage each other in this?
8. Read Revelation 21:1-8. What do you get from this passage of scripture? What specifically stands out to you? Is this something you look forward to? How does this vision drive your everyday life?

**Your Next Steps Is: 1)** Choose today to live: as the temple of the Holy Spirit, at peace with Biblical tensions, with the end in mind, as victors, and faithfully.