

Life Group Guide – Week Starting Sunday 5th July 2026

Key Scriptures: Mark Chapter 13

This week's BIG IDEA

In today's passage Jesus prophesies two separate events, woven together into one prophecy. Both events are examples of a 'Day of the Lord', a moment in history when God's judgement comes against nations and power structures, bringing transformation and a new era.

Focusing on God

Spend a minute reminding yourselves of the passages that came **before** Mark 13. This chapter is very much the climax of this section of the Gospel that began with Jesus' triumphant entry in chapter 11. Particularly remind people of the cursing of the Fig tree and clearing of the Temple (Mark 11:12-25) and the parable of the Tenants (Mark 12:1-12). Then read the whole of Mark 13.

The Day Of The Lord

- Read these verses together: Joel 2:31 Isaiah 13:6 Zephaniah 1:14-17
How do these passages make you feel? What do they tell us about God?
- It is important when reading verses like these that we remember **context!** Who God is talking to, what his reasons are, and what else he is saying to them are crucial. Read together Amos 5:1-20 and think about the following questions:
 - Who should be afraid of the Day of the Lord and why?
 - What has provoked God's anger?
 - How can people be saved from God's wrath?

Mark 13 doesn't explicitly use the phrase 'Day of the Lord', however it does use a lot of the same phrases and themes as these passages and so is widely seen as a Day of the Lord passage. It is about two separate events, the Fall of Jerusalem and the Temple in AD70 and the second coming of Christ. This week's Bible study focuses on AD70.

If you feel the group needs a reminder of what happened in AD70 this video may be helpful:

[The Fall of Jerusalem and the Destruction of the Second Temple \(70 AD\)](#) (8 minutes)

Discipleship Discussion

- What does the Destruction of Jerusalem, and the fact that it was prophesied and ordained by God, tell us about God's role in world history?
- Why would God want his own Temple destroyed?
- How does this event mark a shift in God's relationship with his people?
- Read Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Peter 2:4-5: reflect together on what it means for the church to be God's new Temple.

Prayer Response

Spend some time praying for the church, praying for the world. Praying for God's justice to come against evil power structures in the world today, call on God for the Day of The Lord to come for those who oppress the poor and needy and who spread violence and evil in our day. Finish by praying for the church to be a true Temple for God, bringing righteousness and love in a dark world.