



Stay Awake

November 12, 2023 | Mark 13

Questions for Study and Group Discussion

***Before discussing these questions, read through Mark 13:1-37 as a group.*

1. Icebreaker: What are some popular ideas for how the world ends (or what the future holds) in the culture around us? (Think about what you see in TV and movies, or what you've heard from others.)
2. What questions do you have about "the end of the world as we know it"? Are these questions on your mind often, or is this something new for you to think about?
3. Why is it important to think about eternity and the future toward which God is moving?
4. As a group, identify 3-5 big truths that the Bible says about "the end of the world as we know it." (The formal word for this is eschatology – the study of the end times.) As much as you can, use Scripture to support what you say.
5. Review what you read in Mark 13. Practicing good observation, create a list of commands Jesus gives His followers in this passage.
6. Choose one of these commands (see previous question). What does it look like to live in light of Jesus's return, with this command in mind?
7. The sermon ended by providing three ways to apply this message. Briefly summarize what each one means, and what it has to do with the reality of Jesus's return.
 - Receive Jesus
 - Reorient your lives around eternity
 - Remember — remember hope and remember to share the gospel
8. What other questions or comments do you have about this passage?
9. What is your biggest take-away from what you've discussed so far? What practical step will you take to apply what you've seen in God's Word?
10. **Challenge:** Identify one way this passage is challenging or encouraging you. Who can you tell about what you're learning this coming week?
11. **Challenge: Memorize Mark 13:35-36** — 35 Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back — whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. 36 If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.