

Life Group Questions - Mark 13

UNDERSTANDING THE PASSAGE

1. *Main Idea of the Passage:* Jesus judges those who reject him as king and savior
2. *How the main idea is developed:* Jesus tells his disciples that Jerusalem and the temple will be destroyed in judgment because the Jews rejected and killed Jesus. But at the end of human history, Jesus will be seen as the glorious savior of the world, and will redeem God's elect.
3. *Melodic Line:* Repent and Believe in the Good News that Jesus is the Suffering Servant King, the Glorious Savior.

Outline

1. Jesus foretells the destruction of the temple (1-4)
2. The things that are not the signs (5-13)
3. The thing that is the sign (14-23)
4. Jesus Describes His Second Coming (24-27)
5. The Known Time of Jerusalem's Destruction – Within the Current Generation (28-31)
6. The Unknown Time of Jesus' Second Coming – And an Admonition to Be Ready (32-37)

Gospel Centrality

1. Jesus was the temple that was destroyed but then rebuilt in three days

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Warming Up

1. What did you like about this passage?
2. What did you find difficult about this passage?

Letting the Text Shape our Framework

1. What does this passage teach about God?
2. What does this passage teach about people?
3. How does this passage speak to an unbeliever?

Traveling Through the Cross

1. How does the gospel speak to how we are to live out this passage?

Applying This Passage to our Lives

1. Be on guard -

1. What are some things we should be on guard for today? What are some false teachings that are pulling some churches away from the gospel?
2. Keep awake -
 1. How are you doing in your prayer life right now? How can you individually and as a group lean into being “constant in prayer”?
3. Stay awake -
 1. In what areas of your life do you need to wake up, so that you are prepared for Jesus to come back? Is it your finances, work ethic, devotion to your family, sexual purity, substance abuse, gossip, complaining, bitterness, entertainment choices, anger? What is it for you? How do you need to repent in those areas, turning away from what Jesus is against, and turning toward what he is for?