

THIS WEEK

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH, KAILUA KONA, HAWAII

events

Our kids in **Nursery and Kids' Church** are having a blast and are being pointed to Jesus, our greatest Treasure. Parents, sign-in each child at the back table on Sunday mornings.

Middle School Students:

Wednesdays 4:30-6pm

High School Students:

Saturdays 5-7pm

Ladies Spring Study: Please sign up today to help us order enough books. Begins Wed. 3/31 & Thurs. 4/1.

Men's Breakfast & Daniel Study: This Sat. 3/13 at 8am.

Volunteers Needed: Our Nursery and Kids' Church attendance is growing, and we are looking for more volunteers for April and May. Let Michelle know if interested.

Ways to Give:

- Online securely on our website or app
- Giving box on Sundays
- Mail a check to church office during the week



SERMON NOTES

Andrew Severinsen - Mark 13:1-37

Big Idea: Jesus talks about the end times to prepare us and to empower us to keep trusting until He returns. Be watching, be ready, be awake, be on guard, and be prepared for Jesus' 2nd coming.

Watchfulness

Perseverance

Faithfulness

GRACE GROUP Discussion Questions

Mark 13:1-37 — What does it say?

1. The disciples asked Jesus, "What will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?" How would you summarize Jesus' answer in verses 5-23?
2. In verses 9-13, what is Jesus trying to point out that is different than verses 5-8?
3. What is the significance of the "abomination of desolation" being referred to as "he"?
4. Why is Jesus' teaching about world events surrounding His return so important?
5. Mark 13:24-27 is about Jesus' 2nd Coming. What important idea(s) are being communicated in these verses about this most-significant event?
6. What is the "lesson of the fig tree" that Jesus wants His disciples to learn?
7. In 13:32-37, Jesus tells us He doesn't know the day or hour He is going to return. How does it relate to the rest of Jesus' teaching in chapter 13?
8. This is the longest block of Jesus' teaching recorded by Mark on any one topic. It is also the final teaching from Jesus in Mark's gospel. Why do you think Mark chose this topic to highlight?
9. How is it possible that Jesus knows so many of the events surrounding His return, but does not know the exact day or hour?

Mark 13:1-37 — How does it apply to our lives today?

1. How does this end times teaching impact the way we see history? Culture? Our neighbors? Our co-workers?
2. Does the perspective of clinging to Jesus in the "ugliest of times" color the way to look at clinging to Jesus in any current trials you may be having?
3. Given that end times will even pull families apart, what can you be doing now to point your family to Jesus as accurately as you can?
4. By sharing so much about His 2nd Coming, is Jesus hoping we will invest a lot of time and energy figuring out exactly what He will return? Explain.
5. Has Mark 13 brought any change to your feelings or understanding about the end times? If so, what or how?
6. What does it look like to "stay awake" with regard to the end times? How do we help each other "stay awake"?

Spend some time sharing and praying together.

Preparing our minds and hearts for our upcoming Sunday worship gatherings:

- Sunday, March 14th — Mark 14:1-31 and communion
- Sunday, March 21st — Mark 14:32-52 and communion
- Sunday, March 28th — Mark 14:53-15:15 and communion
- Good Friday, April 2nd — Mark 15:16-47 and communion
- Resurrection Sunday, April 4th — Mark 16:1-8 ("He has risen; He is not here!")