



Small Group Study Guide
Sermon: THE END OF DAYS
...and why Jesus said, "Do not be afraid."

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INTRODUCTION

In this sermon, PT addresses the increasing chaotic realities of our world and how Christians can thrive in the middle of the mess around us. He reflects on Jesus' teachings in Luke chapter 21, emphasizing that true generosity is rooted in **trust** rather than the amount given. However, the core message extends to the broader implications of Jesus' warnings about The End of Days, reminding believers that despite the chaos in society from corrupt politics to false prophets, we do not have to live in fear. The assurance found in Jesus' words, particularly in **verse 28**, reinforces that our redemption (salvation) is drawing near. Jesus goes out of His way to provide great hope knowing uncertain times were coming our way.

KEY SCRIPTURES

1. **Luke 21:1–4:** This passage highlights the widow's two small coins, commending her faith and sacrifice. It teaches that true generosity comes from trust in God, not the size of the gift.
2. **Matthew 6:33**, *"Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."* This encourages prioritizing God in our lives, promising His provision.
3. **Luke 21:5–19:** Jesus prophecies with bifocals (near and far). First near - the temple's destruction. Second, far - the trials believers will face, including persecution and the rise of false teachers, urging vigilance and discernment.
4. **Luke 21:28**, *"Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."* This verse encourages believers to stand firm and lift their heads with the hope of redemption, especially when chaos increases and the world spirals out of control.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Luke 21:1-4...

1. What does the widow's offering teach us about true generosity and trust in God? (Luke 21:1–4)
 - *Reference: "This story is not ultimately about money. It is about trust."*
2. In what specific ways do fear and insecurity impact your willingness to give and trust God's provision?
 - *Reference: "Fear whispers, 'What if God doesn't show up?'"*

Luke 21:5-19...

3. Jesus warns about false teachers and the chaos of the last days. How can we discern truth from falsehood in today's society, especially with so much misinformation?
4. What are some practical ways we can prepare ourselves spiritually and emotionally for the challenges and persecutions Jesus describes?

Luke 21:28

5. How does knowing that our redemption is drawing near change your perspective on current world events and social chaos?

6. In what ways can you actively encourage others in your community to navigate their fears with faith during uncertain times?
7. How can we support each other as a church to stand firm and maintain our faith in light of increasing societal pressures?
8. In the face of rising chaos, what steps can we take to ensure that our focus remains on God's promises rather than worldly fears?

PASTOR'S BEST QUOTES

1. *"This story is not ultimately about money. It is about trust."* (From Luke 21:1–4)
2. *"When we refuse to trust God with our resources, we are saying, in effect, that God is not enough."* (From Luke 21:1-4)
3. *"When fear runs the room, wolves come in and peddle false hope."* (From Luke 21:5–19)
4. *"The recurring lesson: sincerity does not equal truth. We must test words by Scripture, not by spectacle."* (From Luke 21:5–19)

ACTION PROMPTS

1. Reflect on an area in your life where fear may be influencing your decisions and take a step to replace that fear with faith by trusting God more deeply in that situation.
2. Identify one person in your life who may be struggling with fear or uncertainty. Reach out to them this week to offer encouragement and support based on what you've discussed in this study.
3. Consider how you can actively serve our church or community through acts of generosity or support, reflecting the widow's trust in God's provision.
4. Create a daily affirmation or prayer that centers on trusting God amidst chaos to recite each morning, strengthening your faith daily.

CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this time of study and reflection. We ask that You help us to rise above fear and embrace the faith You provide, especially amidst the chaos of our world. May everyone at CrossPointe grow in their faith, knowing that they are not alone in their struggles. We pray for those not connected to small groups and ask that the Holy Spirit draw and invite them to find community and support. As we lift our heads in anticipation of Your return, may we share this hope with our families, friends, and neighbors. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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PRAY FOR PT AND SYLVIA
and Howard and Tabatha
Thank you!

