

# Discussion Questions

## LifeGroups



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Sermon Series: What In The World Is Going On? Jesus' Words on the Future

Sermon Title: When Will These Things Be?

Sermon Text: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21

### Bottom Line

The only way to make sense of life today is to appreciate where the future is going.

### Scripture

Matthew 24:37-39 (NLT)

*37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes."*

Zechariah 9:9 (NLT)

*9 Rejoice, O people of Zion! Shout in triumph, O people of Jerusalem! Look, your king is coming to you. He is righteous and victorious, yet he is humble, riding on a donkey—riding on a donkey's colt.*

Luke 19:38 (NLT)

*38 "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the LORD! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!"*

Matthew 21:12-13 (NLT)

*12 Jesus entered the Temple and began to drive out all the people buying and selling animals for sacrifice. He knocked over the tables of the money changers and the chairs of those selling doves. 13 He said to them, "The Scriptures declare, 'My Temple will be called a house of prayer,' but you have turned it into a den of thieves!"*

Matthew 21:43-46 (NLT)

*43 I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit. 44 Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on."*

45 When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers. 46 They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

Mark 13:1 (ESV)

1 And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what wonderful stones and what wonderful buildings!"

Matthew 24:2-3 (NLT)

2 "Do you see all these buildings? I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished. Not one stone will be left on top of another!" 3 "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?"

## Gratitude, Prayer and Accountability

What happened this past week that you are grateful for? What would you like to prayer for today? How did God work in your life since the last time we were together? What is He doing through you as it relates to your Adopt 7?

## Let's Start

When you hear the word, "prophecy" what comes to mind? What informs your view of the future?

## Let's Talk

1. Read Matthew 24:37-39. What does this passage teach us about the second coming of Christ? What was it like in Noah's day, before the flood?
2. New Testament scholar, Darrell Bock write, "The only way to make sense of life today is to appreciate where the future is going." What does that mean? How can we find out where the future is going?
3. How does studying Bible prophecy help guard us against deception? How does it prepare us?
4. Read Zechariah 9:9 and Luke 19:38. How are these passages related?
5. Read Matthew 21:12-13, 43-46, Mark 13:1, and Matthew 24:2-3. Based upon Pastor Dale's sermon, why are these passages so significant? What did the temple mean to the people of Israel?

## Let's Act

Take some time as a group to pray over this sermon series. Pray that God would reveal to you what He wants you to see regarding Jesus' words about the future.

