

# Discussion Questions

## LifeGroups



Date: January 24, 2021

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

Sermon Title: Cosmic Chaos and Christ's Return

Sermon Text: Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21

### Bottom Line

When the end of the world finally comes, the only thing that will save a person's life is a relationship with Jesus Christ! Beware and on guard against impersonators and false representatives of Christ.

### Scripture

John 5:24 (ESV)

*24 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.*

Matthew 24:23-31 (NLT)

*23 "Then if anyone tells you, 'Look, here is the Messiah,' or 'There he is,' don't believe it. 24 For false messiahs and false prophets will rise up and perform great signs and wonders so as to deceive, if possible, even God's chosen ones. 25 See, I have warned you about this ahead of time. 26 "So if someone tells you, 'Look, the Messiah is out in the desert,' don't bother to go and look. Or, 'Look, he is hiding here,' don't believe it! 27 For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes. 28 Just as the gathering of vultures shows there is a carcass nearby, so these signs indicate that the end is near. "Immediately after the anguish of those days the sun will be darkened, the moon will give no light, the stars will fall from the sky, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 30 And then at last, the sign that the Son of Man is coming will appear in the heavens, and there will be deep mourning among all the peoples of the earth. And they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. 31 And he will send out his angels with the mighty blast of a trumpet, and they will gather his chosen ones from all over the world—from the farthest ends of the earth and heaven.*

2 Thessalonians 2:3 (NASB)

*3 No one is to deceive you in any way! For it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction...*

Matthew 7:21-23 (NLT)

21 "Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 On judgment day many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in your name and performed many miracles in your name.' 23 But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT)

1 Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

Luke 18:8b (NLT)

*But when the Son of Man returns, how many will He find on the earth who have faith?"*

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Titus 2:7-8 (NLT)

7 And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. 8 Teach the truth so that your teaching can't be criticized. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and have nothing bad to say about us.

John 15:5 (NLT)

5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

## **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 think about the end of the world, what pictures come to your mind? What are those images based upon?

## **Let's Talk**

1. What did Jesus teach us in John 5:24 about eternal life?
2. Read Matthew 24:23-31. What significant shift do we see in Jesus' teaching about the end times in this passage? What is the significance of the word, "then" at the beginning of verse 23? What are some ways that we see impersonators and false representatives of Christ today? What does 2 Thessalonians 2:3 teach us about false teaching?
3. What is sobering about Matthew 7:21-23? How do you think people could be so deceived as to believe that they will be in heaven and find themselves cast away?
4. Read 1 Timothy 4:1. What does this passage teach us about the end times?
5. Pastor Dale mentioned several sad events regarding the Church in 2020. How should Jesus' question in Luke 18:8b motivate us?
6. What does 2 Timothy 3:16-17 have to say about measuring human words by the Word of God?
7. How should Titus 2:7-8 be a mirror for those of us who are followers of Jesus?
8. What is the relationship between what John 15:5 teaches us and having a growing, intimate relationship with Jesus?

## Let's Act

Who, in your sphere of influence, needs to hear what we talked about today? Let's pray that God would give us a boldness and confidence to share that with those people this week.

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