

Week of April 30 - When the End Will Come | Small Group Lesson 5

Connect

Human development normally has similar stages for all people. Adolescents tend to become opinionated, claim independence, and argue with others (particularly parents and authority) to maintain their positions. Why do you think adolescents have difficulty trusting and following those who are older and wiser than they are?

Verses – Matthew 24:1-14 (CSB)

1 As Jesus left and was going out of the temple, his disciples came up and
called his attention to its buildings. 2 He replied to them,“Do you see all
these things? Truly I tell you, not one stone will be left here on another that
will not be thrown down.” 3 While he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the
disciples approached him privately and said, “Tell us, when will these things
happen? And what is the sign of your coming and of the end of the age? ” 4
Jesus replied to them,“Watch out that no one deceives you. 5 For many will
come in my name, saying, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and they will deceive many. 6
You are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not
alarmed, because these things must take place, but the end is not yet. 7 For
nation will rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will
be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these events are the
beginning of labor pains. 9 “Then they will hand you over to be persecuted,
and they will kill you. You will be hated by all nations because of my name.
10 Then many will fall away, betray one another, and hate one another. 11
Many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. 12 Because lawlessness
will multiply, the love of many will grow cold. 13 But the one who endures to
the end will be saved. 14 This good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed
in all the world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Study

1. From this passage, what is Jesus teaching regarding his followers who try to determine from signs when the end of the world will come? (compare Matthew 24:36) How does this help His followers?

2. What does Jesus warn his followers of in v.4? Why would Jesus tell his disciples these things? How are we to guard ourselves?

3. What can the church expect to experience toward the end of the age? (v.9; 2 Timothy 3:12; 2 Thessalonians 1:4-8) How does it benefit the Church?

☕ **DISCUSS:** Jesus tells us not to be alarmed at the signs of the end times. What does that mean in regards to God's plan? What does that mean for the believer to do in thought?

🏃 **APPLY:** What do the end times have to do with the Great Commision? What does it mean for the believer to do in deed? Why?

Share

Does the current world news headlines trouble you? What is the right attitude to have? How do you find hope in Jesus despite the troubling news headlines? How does your church/SG help you in this regard, or how can you help them?

Grow

Minister to one another through sharing praise and specific prayer requests.

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