

Week of May 21 - Be Ready

Small Group Lesson 7

Connect

No one enjoys pop-quizzes in a class… Why do you think they are pop “quizzes” and not pop “tests” or “exams?” Do you think each one would benefit or hinder the student? What essentially do they show or reveal?

Verses – Matthew 24:29-44 (CSB)

29 “Immediately after the distress of those days, the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not shed its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the
powers of the heavens will be shaken. 30 Then the sign of the Son of Man
will appear in the sky, and then all the peoples of the earth will mourn; and
they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and
great glory. 31 He will send out his angels with a loud trumpet, and they
will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the
other. 32 “Learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its branch becomes
tender and sprouts leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 In the same
way, when you see all these things, recognize that he is near—at the door.
34 Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all
these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
will never pass away. 36 “Now concerning that day and hour no one knows
—neither the angels of heaven nor the Son—except the Father alone. 37 As
the days of Noah were, so the coming of the Son of Man will be. 38 For in
those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and
giving in marriage, until the day Noah boarded the ark. 39 They didn’t know
until the flood came and swept them all away. This is the way the coming of
the Son of Man will be. 40 Then two men will be in the field; one will be
taken and one left. 41 Two women will be grinding grain with a hand mill;
one will be taken and one left. 42 Therefore be alert, since you don’t know
what day your Lord is coming. 43 But know this: If the homeowner had
known what time the thief was coming, he would have stayed alert and not
let his house be broken into. 44 This is why you are also to be ready,
because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Study

1. Does anyone know when these events will take place? (v.36) Does the lesson of the fig tree (vv.32-) help? How?

2. What does Jesus say that indicates the scope of where this will happen? What differences might people experience on earth? Why? (vv.38-41; Genesis 7:19–23; 2 Peter 3:10-11)

3. What is the point for Jesus to explain all of this? Is it to scare us or to benefit us? How does it benefit us? (vv.43-44; Luke 10:21–24)

DISCUSS: Why will it be important for future believers to be able to recognize the time before Jesus' return? What role might they play on earth? (v.35, Mark 16:15; Galatians 6:9; see Isaiah 40:8)

APPLY: How are we to be prepared for the end times? How should we speak to others about it? (2 Peter 3:11; Titus 2:11-14; Jude 24-25)

Share

What ht-b-c.us/sg 1923pope is given knowing that salvation is assured, despite the testing of faith that can—and will come? (James 1:12; 1 Peter 1:7, 4:12-13; John 10:28)

Grow

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

- Pray that the Lord will help us to understand the Lord's plans.
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