

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

April 26/27, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE: *We are here as a group to make and multiply disciples.*

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

RELATIONAL WARMUP: *What summer event are you most looking forward to?*

SET THE STAGE: *In the next few weeks, we are closing out this series in the book of Mark. In Mark 13 Jesus points us toward the future, and we find important principles for us to consider as we prepare for what is coming. He tells the disciples some disturbing news; the Temple will be torn down and Jerusalem will go through very dark days. The disciples want to know when these events will happen and even today that is true for many who follow Jesus. Instead of giving them timelines, Jesus encourages them to respond with courage, faithfulness, and caution. As we consider the second coming, will we choose to be steadfast in the face of darker days ahead?*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Mark 13:1-13*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

What can we know for certain about the future and 2nd coming of Jesus?
Why do you think Jesus avoided giving them a direct answer to "when"?
Do you see any trials coming our way as God's people right now?

HEART QUESTIONS:

When you think of Jesus' 2nd coming, are you mostly hopeful, scared, or somewhere in between? Why?
If you knew Jesus was coming back in the next year, what would you do to get ready?

HANDS QUESTIONS:

BLESS

One clear teaching about the work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers is that He will give us the words to say. How should this truth inform us in living a BLESS lifestyle?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER