

COMMUNITY GROUP

DISCUSSION GUIDE

May 17/18, 2025

WELCOME/ OPENING PRAYER

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

DISCUSSION GUIDELINES

WARMUP: *What has been the most consistent prayer in your life the past year? Why?*

SET THE STAGE: *The final section of Mark 13 directs us toward an attitude of vigilance as we wait for the second coming of Jesus. It is important to remember that no one knows when He will come back. That lack of information is intentional, and it provides every generation an opportunity to discern the times and grow in their trust of God's timing. The fact that we do not know should not cause us to grow complacent, fearful, or frustrated. We are called to always be watchful, and as we wait for the fulfilment of these promises we are to work diligently for others to come to faith and be disciplined for His kingdom.*

STORY or READ THE PASSAGE: *Mark 13:28-37*

HEAD QUESTIONS:

- What types of signs are we looking for to know that the end might be approaching? Scholars disagree on the meaning of verse 30.
- What do you make of Jesus saying, "this generation will not pass away until all these things take place"?
- What does the command "keep watch" practically mean in our day-to-day lives?

HEART QUESTIONS:

- Christians can fixate on the end times or simply avoid it altogether. On which end of the spectrum do you lean, and what does a more mature approach look like?
- Does your desire for Jesus to return soon and your desire to work for a better world today ever conflict? How so?
- Would you prefer to already be gone or to be present when Jesus comes again? Why?

HANDS QUESTIONS: **BLESS**

- Talking about the second coming of Jesus can be scary for people. How do we discuss these important ideas in a spirit of hope with people who are less informed?

TAKEAWAY

CLOSING PRAYER