

OUR ATTITUDE DURING THE LAST DAYS

MARK 13:1-37

Background – Over the years people have tried to figure out when the end of the world will occur. Some even said it was going to be on a certain date. In Mark 13, Jesus says, “no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father” [Mark 13: 32]. However, Jesus does say we will recognize the signs, and he encourages us to be on guard, stay awake, don’t be anxious, and not to be alarmed.

I’m not saying the end of the world is near, but we are living in very uncertain times. As you navigate these times, what is your posture? What is your attitude? What are the feelings stirring around in your heart? As you read Mark 13 let the words of Jesus encourage and challenge you.

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1. **Read Mark 13:1-37.** After reading the whole chapter talk about the passage by using the following questions.
 - a. What did you like in this passage?
 - b. What did you find difficult in this passage?
 - c. What did this passage teach us about God?
 - d. What did this passage teach us about us?
2. Take some time and make a list of all the things Jesus says will happen in the last days. Below is a list of other passages where Scripture talks about the last days. How do you feel after creating that list? Is there anything that surprises you?
 - a. Matthew 24
 - b. Luke 21
 - c. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11
 - d. 2 Timothy 3: 1-9
3. Now, take some time and make a list of all the things Jesus says we should do during the last days. What are the commands that he gives us? You may want to check out 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 too for what our response should be. How do you feel after creating this list? Does this list match how you respond and live during uncertain times? Is there anything that surprises you after reading this list? What does it look like for you to be on guard, to stay awake during these uncertain times?
4. **Pray** – Spend time praying with the people you are discussing this passage with. Pray for each other that we would be a people who are not anxious, are on guard, fully awake and living each day for the glory of Jesus.