



Small Group Questions: Marked for Eternity

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Read

Mark 13:5-37; Daniel 9:27; Colossians 1:23; Romans 13: 11-14

Reflect

Are we in the end times? Over two millennia, many people have believed the end times were at hand. In Mark 13, Jesus has a conversation with his disciples about what to expect and the best way to prepare. Often, prophecy is double fulfillment—meaning, it is for the people of the current time as well as future generations.

What does Jesus say to his disciples about the end times?

1. We aren't there yet.
 - a. Where do you think we are in the process? Why?
2. There are some rough times ahead for you
 - a. Do you believe the reason for persecution of God's people is that the Gospel must be preached to all nations? Why or why not?
 - b. How have you seen God use persecution as a tool to bring people to him?
 - c. Do you believe that God loves you?
 - d. How do you feel about God being more concerned for his kingdom than your current comfort?
 - e. Have you experienced times when it's been difficult to believe God loves you and yet allows for your discomfort? Have you seen your trials and tribulations end up benefiting the kingdom? How?
3. There are some really bad times for everybody on the horizon.
 - a. How can you prepare, in a healthy way, for the possibility of the great tribulation happening in your lifetime?
4. Keep your head up because I'm coming in the clouds.
 - a. Do you look to the future with fear or hopefulness? Why?

Pastor Greg has three questions for you:

1. What's your attitude toward the end times?
 - a. Do an honest assessment of how you view the end times.
 - i. Would you say that you're preoccupied with idea of the end times? Have little interest in the subject? Or do you have a healthy anticipation? Why? Find out how those closest to you view your attitude toward the end times.
2. What's left to be accomplished?
 - a. How are you helping the Gospel to be preached to all nations? What additional things might you do?
3. Are you ready?
 - a. What would happen if Jesus were to return today? How would you conduct yourself differently? What would you do the same?

Respond

What do you feel God is asking you to do in response to this message? What is your next step? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?