

Matthew Week 48: The End of the Age

Scripture Memory of the Month

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Romans 12:2

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) DISCUSS THE TEXT - ENGAGE THE HEART

These questions are designed to help us study the word together, apply it to our lives, and then see the gospel in this passage. Take some time in each section together, engaging with one another's insights as we study the Bible together.

Tonight we are going to grow in studying the Bible together. We'll read through each section and discuss our understanding of what the text says and what it means.

Read Matthew 24:1-3

What is the context of this section? Who is present? Where are they? Are there any other significant details included here?

What do the disciples ask Jesus?

Read Mathew 24:4-14

How does the beginning of this answer connect to their question? Are there any words in common between the two?

Are there any things here that Jesus repeats or seems to emphasize?

Read Matthew 24:15-28

Why does Jesus draw our attention to the prophet Daniel? (see Daniel 9:27, 11:31, and 12:11 for more context) What is the context of these verses?

Why do you think Jesus brings them up here?

Is there anything in this section that Jesus repeats or seems to emphasize?

Read Matthew 24:29-35

Does anything stand out to you from this section?

What do you think Jesus is communicating here?

Is there anything here that Jesus repeats or seems to emphasize?

Read Matthew 24:36-51

Does anything stand out to you from this section?

Is there anything that Jesus repeats or seems to emphasize?

What is the disciples primary concern in the question they ask?

What is Jesus' primary concern in his response?

How should we respond to what Jesus has taught here?

3) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

People:

Who can be intentionally living on mission amidst our current situation? (neighbors, coworkers, or a specific demographic in Columbia)

Plan:

Who is one person you can share the gospel with this week? How can that be done under the current constraints? Spend some time praying for these opportunities.

How can we be intentional in times like this about sharing the gospel?

Pray:

Pray for God to help us love him above all else that we may join him boldly in his mission to redeem the world. Pray for those around us that we need to share this with or invite in.