

PREACHING CURRICULUM

Preparing for the End

Mark 13:3-37

'...can you live your life with an acute awareness that this world is not your eternal home?...'

1 REVIEW THE SERMON

LEADER NOTES: Encourage your members to pull out their notes and review the main points of the sermon. (9-12 mins)

Reread Mark 13:3-37

How are 'trends' (where prophecies are fulfilled both now and later, and at times even later still) the key to understanding this chapter, and many other prophetic texts?

How does it help our understanding of this chapter with regards to the disciples, and the Jewish audience?

How then do we identify, and watch out, for false teachers; false christs even?

Can you think of any other Scriptural prophecies that were fulfilled in a then, as a well as, a not yet manner? Does this help our understanding of prophecy in general? Our trust of the truth of Scripture?

2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

LEADER NOTES: Evaluate the condition of your lives in relation to the truth from God's Word. Encourage heart examination. (12-15 mins)

Are you ready for the end of the world? Not do you understand it; not do you have the prophecies figured out; not can you defend your intellectual position on these truths; Rather: Are YOU ready for the end of the world?

3 APPLY THE TRUTH

LEADER NOTES: Create a list of ways to close the gap between your lives and the truth of the Bible. Be practical and intentional. (12-15 mins)

What does it mean to endure (vs. 13)?

What does it mean to be on guard (vs. 23)?

What does it mean to 'stay awake' (vs. 33-37)?

4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

LEADER NOTES: Call your small group members to make a commitment and get the group working together to follow-up with each other. (9-12)

Will you live as though you this is not your eternal home?

Will you remember, in the end, God (we) win?