



**SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM**  
**FOR THE SERMON PREACHED: Nov 5, 2017**  
**"Signs of the (End) Times"**  
**PASSAGE: Mark 13**

1. Read Mark 13. In one sentence, summarize Jesus teaching of the end times in this chapter. What makes you most curious about the end times? How can your curiosity be satisfied in scripture? Does Mark 13 tell us how to respond if our curiosity can't be satisfied? (ie. In verses 22-23 we are told there will be signs and wonders performed, however we are not told exactly what they will look like and in verses 32-37 we are told we can't know the exact time Jesus will return)
  
2. In Mark 13 we see several signs of the return of Christ that are clear. In verse 2 Jesus says the temple would be destroyed, in verses 3-6 we are told to be on guard against those who would lead us away, in verses 7-8 of wars, famine, and earthquakes, in verses 12-13 of families turning against each other, and in verses 14-20 of times that will be so brutal they will be cut short in order to save the elect. When you think of these things what makes you most fearful and why? What do we know of Christ from scripture that would speak to each of these topics and alleviate fear?
  
3. Read Matthew 24:1-8. What will be the primary way people will be led astray in the last days, and by whom will they be led astray? Read the rest of the chapter, what differences do you see from the details given in Mark 13 and how are they helpful to keep you alert, and awake, and to keep you from straying?

4. In Mark 13:32-37 what is the phrase that is repeated 4 times? Think of the most tired you have ever been, what were the circumstances surrounding that experience? Look closely at the command to stay awake, what are the circumstances surrounding that command? With this in mind what is a major way to keep awake and be ready for Christ's return? So how are you making sure you are ready?

5. Read Revelation 22:12-17. How often would you say you pray for Christ to "come?" What makes you either excited for this, or fearful to pray this?

f. BREAKOUT

Based on this study of the end times what gives you courage and what causes you to worship Christ?

Memory Verse

Mark 13:31 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."