

THE CHALLENGE OF BEING PREPARED

JESUS PREDICTS THE DESTRUCTION OF THE _____ (NOT END TIMES)

1. The disciples ask a _____ about the temple.
2. The answer Jesus gives accurately _____ how the temple is destroyed.
3. Jesus says everything will happen in about _____.
I tell you the truth, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Mk 13:30
4. Jesus has a different _____ when He talks about end times.
Mark 13:32-37

HOW TO KNOW WHEN THE TEMPLE WILL BE DESTROYED

WHAT NOT TO LOOK FOR: Fake Jesus', _____, _____, famines

"And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." Mk 13:10

"All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing..." Colossians 1:6

"This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant." Colossians 1:23

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: Someone inside the temple who does not _____.

"When you see 'the abomination that causes desolation' standing where it does not belong—let the reader understand—then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains." Mk 13:14

WHAT DOES JESUS SAY ABOUT END TIMES?

1. Stop trying to _____ when Jesus will return.
2. Focus on fulfilling the _____ God has assigned you.
"And the gospel must first be preached to all nations." Mk 13:10

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of March 29, 2009

Mark 13:1-37

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. What upcoming event in the next three months are you most looking forward to?
2. How would you act differently if the exact time of this upcoming event was unknown to you and could happen any moment?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. Pastor John spoke this Sunday about the temptation to try to predict when Jesus will return. What might be some reasons Christians like to do this?
4. How might a detailed outline of future events be a hindrance, instead of a help, to our faith in God?
5. Read **Acts 1:6-11**. What do you imagine the disciples were thinking or feeling after what they saw and heard in verses 9-11?
6. The disciples still are curious about the future in verses 6-8. How would you paraphrase what Jesus tells them in verse 7?

7. What is Jesus more concerned about (verse 8)?

8. A witness is someone who testifies in court what he or she has seen and heard. How does this apply to being a “witness” for Jesus?

BRINGING IT HOME

9. One of the ways we as a church are following Jesus’ command to “be witnesses” is inviting people to church on Easter Sunday. If you haven’t already, write down the names of at least two people you know whom you’d like to invite to church on Easter. Make a plan to invite them this week to church. In your Growth Group, spend time praying as a group for the people you will invite.