

Are you wondering what it means to be a Christian?

Jesus said, "All that the Father gives me will come to me, and the one who comes to me I will never drive away" (John 6:37). Jesus also said, "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him; and I will raise him up on the last day" (John 6:44).

If you are feeling drawn to Christ, it is because God the Father is drawing you; it is not a desire we can or will create within ourselves. This also means that there is no sin too great to be forgiven, and no past too sinful to be overcome. You can trust Christ to receive you because it is God the Father who is drawing you to find true repentance and receive the gift of faith. You can know a new life in Jesus Christ.

We would love to talk and pray with you about this or any other spiritual needs you may have. Please see Pastor Mark or one of our elders after today's service to do so.

Are you interested in Baptism or Church Membership?

Please indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card and Pastor Mark or one of the elders will be in touch with you this week to set up a time to meet with you.

GOD'S SERVANT REVEALS THE FUTURE

Mark 13:1-37

Main Thought: In Mark 13:1-37, Jesus exhorts us to trust in His promises about the future and gives practical instructions about how to do that.

1. THE BIG PICTURE (The _____ Discourse)
 - 1) Introduction (vv 1-4)
 - 2) _____ Instructions for living in a fallen world. (vv 5-13)
 - 3) The Destruction of the _____ (vv 14-23, 28-31)
 - 4) The second Coming of _____ (vv 24-27, 32-37)
2. THE _____ OF THE TEMPLE (vv 14-23, 28-31)
3. THE _____ COMING OF CHRIST. (vv 24-27, 32-37)
 - 1) The _____ of the Son of Man (vv 24-27)
 - 2) No one knows the day or the hour except the _____. (vv 32-37)
4. _____ INSTRUCTIONS (vv 5-13)
 - 1) Stand firm in a world of _____
 - 2) Stand firm in a world of _____
 - 3) Stand firm in the face of _____
 - 4) Stand firm with the _____ help
 - 5) Stand firm by focusing of _____ return.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR GROWTH GROUPS

1. In prayer ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and reveal God's truth to you as you read Mark 13:1-37.

2. What do you learn about Jesus from this passage?

3. What do you learn about human beings and yourself from this passage?

4. Is there anything you didn't understand in the passage? Were you able to find an answer for your question(s)? If so, what did you discover?

5. What lessons do you learn from this passage and how will you apply them to your life this week?

Digging Deeper:

6. Why do you think Jesus used this discussion about the temple to begin his discourse about the end of the age? What made the temple so significant for the disciples? What would its destruction symbolize for them?

7. Upon hearing about the upcoming destruction of the temple, what two questions do the disciples ask?

8. What events might deceive them into thinking the end times had come?

9. What things will happen to the disciples and the early church? What comfort and advocate will aid them to endure their trials?(vv 9-13)

10. What dreadful event will bring about the destruction of the temple? What were Christ's followers to do at that time? (vv 14-20, see also Dan. 9:26; 11:31; 12:11) When did this happen?

11. What deceptive signs will accompany that distress? (vv 21-22)

12. What do we learn about the second coming of Christ in this passage? (vv 24-27, 32-37)

13. How does the fig tree lesson answer the disciples' questions from verse 4? (vv 28-31)

14. What do you think Jesus wants us to focus on from this passage in our day?