



The Gospel of Luke



Week 23 Discussion Questions

Week of 3/12/23

Text: Luke 21:5-38

Icebreaker: If you knew Jesus is returning tomorrow, what would you do with the rest of your time today?

1. Look at verses 5-7. What questions is Jesus answering in the rest of the chapter?

Application: Why do you think people often want to know details about the future? If you can relate to this curiosity, what questions would you want to ask Jesus about it?

2. Jesus accurately predicted Jerusalem's destruction in AD 70 about 40 years before it happened. What else did Jesus predict, but that has not yet occurred in history?

Application: How does Jesus's promise of his future return impact your life today? What kind of thoughts or values do you think it should lead to in your life?

3. Jesus describes a future that may appear chaotic and fearful at first glance. Where in this chapter do you see him calling the disciples to actually be hopeful in the midst of it all?

Application: Think of the current difficulties you face—both in your personal life and in the broader society. Do any of these verses give you a sense of hope about the future?

4. Look at verses 34-36. What is Jesus warning his disciples about in these verses when he says things like “watch yourselves” and “stay awake?”

Application: As you think about these words from Jesus, what kind of “cares of this life” are you prone to being “weighed down” or distracted by rather than alert and ready for Jesus's return?

5. Calvary's [doctrinal statement](#) includes the following: “We believe in the personal, bodily and glorious return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The coming of Christ, at a time known only to God, demands constant expectancy and, as our blessed hope, motivates the believer to godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission.” What do you see in this statement that reflects what Jesus states in Luke 21?

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Application: Think of an example or two of what it looks like for you to pursue “godly living, sacrificial service and energetic mission”? Pray for each other, that you would grow in your commitment to these pursuits in light of Christ’s return.

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