

LifeGroup Study Sheet

Jan 14th, 2024 – Red Letters: Gospel of Mark (part 46)

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

There are moments in our life where we realize that and know things are not as they were designed to be? How do you see that in our culture today? How do things show us that God will eventually come to make "all things right" again?

Digging In

Question 1: Read Mark 13:14-23. Jesus is teaching about future events of the abomination of desolation (**Matthew 24:15 / Daniel 9:27**), and the future tribulation. During the tribulation there will be people who will curse God, and God's wrath will be poured out on sin and injustice. **Revelation 16:5-7** describes this as God's judgement being "just and true." Why do you think the Bible describes the judgement of the earth during the tribulation this way? How does this shape your view of God's wrath towards sin?

Question 2: Read Revelation 16:17-21

God's wrath will finally be poured out with the seventh bowl, and then it will be done. This will conclude the end of the Tribulation. As pastor Jeff pointed out, this phrase is like what Jesus said when God's wrath was poured out on Him (**John 19:30**). The same wrath that God pours out in the Tribulation (**Rev 16:19**), is described as a full cup that Jesus asks to be taken from Him before He is crucified (**Matt 26:39**).

Read Romans 5:8-10. How does this verse encourage you through what Jesus has done on your behalf? How does your perspective of God's wrath change when you read this?

Question 3: Read Mark 13:24-27. Jesus will come back after the tribulation period of 7 years and gather is elect (**Rev 7:1**). And then Jesus teaches at all these things will take place and that the heavens and earth will pass away (**Rev 21:1**). Jesus then makes a promise in v. 31 – that His word will never pass away.

Read Isaiah 40:8, 1 Peter 1:25, Psalm 119:89, Matthew 5:18

What conclusions do you take from that statement? How does this promise redirect your focus on where you put your priorities? How are you leaning on and trusting the promises God gives you today as a Christ-follower?

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?