

Mark 13

Discussion Questions

Opener: Do you feel ready for Jesus' return? Why or why not?

Read Mark 13:1-13

- List out the things Jesus say will characterize the world before his return. How do we see these things in the world today?
- What does Jesus say to keep us becoming anxious about these things? (7, 10, 11, 13)

Read Mark 13:14-23, 28-30

- Jesus seems to be predicting the fall of Jerusalem that would take place in 70AD. This would have been an earthshattering event for Jewish Christians. How does Jesus prepare his disciples for it?
- What does this reveal about Jesus love for his followers?

Read Mark 13:24-27, 32-37

- Jesus could return at any moment. How can we make sure we are prepared?
- In the sermon, Mark quoted on author who listed three things we should do to get ready:
 - Watch (i.e. try to stay fervent in your faith and don't allow yourself to become distracted and spiritually 'sleepy')
 - Pray (i.e. keep regular communion with God so we're ready to see him face to face)
 - Work (i.e. serve God in everything but especially by sharing your faith v. 10).
- Which of these do you find most difficult? Why?
- What could we do to help one another grow in these areas?

Prayer ideas:

- Give thanks that Jesus loves us enough to prepare us for his return.
- Pray for one another – that God will help you be ready for Christ's return by keeping you fervent, prayerful and diligent as you seek to follow Christ in the week ahead.