

GOOD NEWS FOR THE END OF THE WORLD

QUESTIONS

1. What idea, illustration, application or Scripture most spoke to you in this week's message?
2. In Proverbs 27:6, we are reminded that a genuine friend will share hard truths, if it benefits his friend. Share a time when someone shared a hard but necessary truth that helped you live a more godly life? Do you have a friend that you need to share a hard truth with?
3. Mark 13:22 tells us that, "false messiahs and false prophets will perform signs and wonders to deceive, even the elect." What can you do to help better discern truth from deception in today's culture?
4. Read Mark 13:10, Mark 16:15-16, and Matthew 28:18-20. In what ways are you partnering with God to share the good news of Jesus with people in your sphere of influence and those around the world? What encouragement do you take from these passages of Scripture?
5. Mark 13 records Jesus describing his return to earth to his disciples. How can keeping in mind the return of Jesus help you live differently, treat others differently, and love God more fully?
6. Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians to encourage one another. How is encouragement in Christ, as a Jesus follower, different than just positive thoughts or general affirmations?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 5: 1-10. How does Paul's "home" affect his daily living (vv. 6-10)? How does knowing the location of your ultimate "home" affect your daily living? Is Paul motivated more by the desire to be with Christ, or by fear of judgment? Which motivates you?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Proverbs 26:7
- Mark 13:1-10
- Mark 13:22-27
- Mark 13:32-33
- 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
- 2 Peter 3:10-15
- Revelation 1:7
- Revelation 20:12-15
- Mark 16:15-16

TAKEAWAYS

- Jesus warns you about the future so you know how to live in the present.
- 6 Prophecies of Jesus about end times
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
 - 2 Peter 3: 10-15
 - Revelation 1:7 and 14:16
 - 1 John 2:7
 - Revelation 20:11, 12

- Mark 13
- Jesus wins.

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Ask God to search your heart this week in order to reveal how you can be better prepared for His eventual return, whether it's baptism, forgiving someone who hurt you, seeking forgiveness from Him, etc.

FURTHER STUDY

In this four-week series, Pastor John references a few of the many times Mark uses the Greek word *euangelizo* or *eunagelion* – meaning Good News, in his writing of the book of Mark. If you want to study every single time, here's a list! Note how Mark portrays the power of this Good News!

- Mark 1:1
- Mark 1:14
- Mark 1:15
- Mark 8:35
- Mark 10:29
- Mark 13:10
- Mark 14:9
- Mark 16:15