

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Luke 21:5-24

**Ice Breaker:** What is an evidence of grace you have seen this week in your life?

**Ice Breaker:** What is the craziest “end of the world” theory you have heard (keep it short!)?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Begin by recapping where we are at in Luke. Where is Jesus? What has been the theme of Luke in the recent chapters?
2. **Read Luke 21:5-9:** Describe the temple in Jesus’ day. What was the significance of the temple for the Jewish people? In the eyes of the Jews, why was a beautifully, adorned temple a good thing?
3. What does it mean that prophecy is both “near” and “far”? How might that help with our interpretation of prophecy, in general?
4. What is Jesus’ warning to the disciples after he tells them that the temple will be destroyed (see v.8)? What is the comfort that Jesus gives to the disciples at the end this passage (v.9)?
5. How are you doing at being caught up in “end time” discussions or predictions? How are you protecting your heart from being lead astray in this area? What is the right posture to have?
6. Why is it a comfort to remember that “these things must take place,” (meaning, that good or bad, all things are part of God’s written history)? How are you trusting in God’s sovereign plan right now in your life?
7. **Read Luke 21:10-16:** Many of the things described in verses 10-11 happened in the years between 30-70 AD. How does this effect our interpretation of this passage (think “near” and “far” prophecy)? When/where do we see verses 12-13 come to pass (answer: The book of Acts)?
8. How does God’s promise to the disciples in verses 14-15 encourage us today as well (who have the Holy Spirit within them)? How does effort in learning and preparing to speak about Jesus fit (or mesh) with trusting the Holy Spirit to give us the words to say (think evangelism conversations, giving sermons, praying in public, preparing family/group devotions, leading a Bible study, etc.)?
9. **Read Luke 21:17-24:** Jesus gives the warning that both the disciples and the city of Jerusalem will ultimately be kill or destroyed. For the disciples, what is the hope that Jesus gives them (verse 17-19)? Why is this such good hope for us as well? How ought this to inform our thinking of death or the end of the world?