

GroupWork

Bible Study Discussion Starters

Life application questions for use in Life Groups, home devotions, and other small groups.

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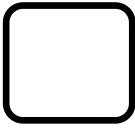
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1. Fresh off of Thanksgiving week and worship, share the highs and the lows in your personal walk with Jesus.
2. Read aloud as a group the sermon text found in Mark 13:32-37. Jesus encourages us to live "AWAKE and ALIVE" as we wait for the last day. What does it mean to you to live *spiritually "awake and alive"*? What does that LOOK like in your life?
3. As we live in the End Times, how do the "signs of the end" affect your mood and your outlook?
4. Read Mark 13:5-10. How is verse 10 the source of JOY for us as we live in these times? How does our God use the signs of the end to aid in gospel preaching and gospel "hearing"?
5. Conventional wisdom says that "there are 3 things one does not talk about with family and friends-- religion, sex and politics." Where is the TRUTH in this? What is a "devil's trap" as we strive to keep each other awake?

Any tips on how to go about having these "touchy conversations"?

6. Close with prayer that includes thanks to God for his gospel activity in the midst of the signs of the end. Seek the wisdom and the strength to help each other "stay awake" through saving faith in Jesus.



NoteSheet

Sermon Outline

Take notes during the sermon to help you remember the main points.

JESUS IS COMING! I WILL LIVE AWAKE AND ALIVE.

Mark 13:32-37

Being a good driver is a matter of being **ready**, of thinking **clearly**...of thinking **ahead**.

1. I Need to Think Clearly

A. LOOK for the Signs of the End

- false m_____
- e_____, f_____
- w_____ and r_____ of war
- p_____ of Christians

B. Look for the JOY

Do we live a _____ of our Creator or a _____ of his saving activity?

APPLICATION Karen Bartes comes to mind...on “the list” on Saints Triumphant Sunday.

2. I Need to Live Purposefully

A. We Have Assigned Tasks 😊

Remember the purpose of our lives: a relationship with the C_____ that spills over into relationships with p_____.

B. We Need to Help Each Other Stay Awake

How in danger ARE we of f_____ a_____ at the wheel of life?

APPLICATION How far did Jesus go to wake us up?

CONCLUSION “The end will come like a thief. Keep watch!”

Next Steps

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