

# Small Group Questions

Week of October 18, 2026

Readiness & The Olivet Discourse — Matthew 24

## Getting Started

1. Are you typically more proactive, or do you tend to procrastinate? Is there anything you've been putting off lately?
2. From AI taking over to the possibility of World War III, there's no shortage of things people worry about when they think about the future. What's something you've heard or thought about recently that makes you wonder what's coming next?

## Digging In

3. Read Matthew 24:1–4. Does it surprise you that the disciples were so impressed by the temple? What are some things in our world today that people tend to be impressed by?
4. Read Matthew 24:4–35. What questions were the disciples asking Jesus?
5. The disciples wanted to know what signs would point to the coming events. What signs did Jesus tell them to look for?
6. How do you feel when you read a passage like this? Does it make you anxious, curious, doubtful, or something else? What benefit might there be in Jesus giving His disciples these clues about what was to come?
7. How does Jesus teach His disciples to live in light of what is coming?
8. Read Matthew 24:36–41. In what ways is the coming of Christ like the days of Noah and the flood?
9. Why does Jesus compare His coming to a thief in the night? What does that comparison teach us about His return?

## Making It Personal

10. What lessons does Jesus want His disciples to learn from this teaching? What does it look like for us to live ready for His return?
11. What might it look like for someone to be *unprepared* for the return of Christ?
12. What are some of the things God has placed you in charge of as a steward? What would it look like to be found faithful in those areas when Jesus returns?