



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**February 19, 2023**

**Luke 21:5-38**

**“The Future: Certainty and Preparedness”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. How did the Jews' understanding of the temple affect the way they interpreted Jesus's prediction of the destruction of Jerusalem?
2. Last week, Pastor Shane warned us about the dangers of hypocritical teachers and poor shepherds. This week, we see Jesus proclaim a similar warning about false prophets and teachers. What are some of the dangers this week's text presents about false prophets? Can you think of some examples of when you have been tempted to believe false claims about Jesus in your own life?
3. Tony mentioned some of the "specific apocalyptic signs that would mark life in this world." What is Jesus trying to get his disciples to focus on as they anticipate events to come? How do we as a church apply this in light of the recent events in Russia-Ukraine and Turkey-Syria?
4. The way that Jesus calls Christians to respond in the face of suffering and opposition is countercultural and unique. What are ways that Christians can leverage this type of response to minister to hurting people in our lives and communities? Do you have any personal examples of when you have had the opportunity to respond in faith and/or bear witness in the face of opposition?
5. In the parable of the fig tree, Jesus uses the plant to explain the coming kingdom of God. Tony mentioned that one of the ways we prepare for Jesus's return is to be careful. What "cares of this life" do you tend to let hinder your devotion to the Lord? Are there any that you are wrestling with at this particular time? What are some other ways we (as a church or GG) can ward off threats to our spiritual well being as we prepare for his coming?
6. A passage like this week's text can feel weighty and scary. What are ways we as Christians can engage with the world in light of what Scripture teaches us about God's wrath and the end of the world? How does this readiness for what is to come help us to better care for the people in our communities who are different from us (politically, economically, socially, racially, etc.)?