

ARE WE READY TO GO?

(Luke 21:29-38)

- I. THE OCCASION (21:5-28)
 - A. A _____ prophecy (21:5-28) CR. Mark 13 & Matthew 24
 - B. What we _____ know
 - C. What we _____ know

- II. THE PARABLE (29-30)

- III. THE TEACHING (31-33)
 - A. We now know when these events are about to happen (31)
 - B. The absolute _____ of Jesus' Words (32-33)

- IV. THE APPLICATION (34-36)
 - A. Be _____ (34-35)
 1. "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it"
 2. Carousing & Drunkenness
 3. Anxieties of Life
 - B. Be _____ (36)
 1. Pray that you can avoid the bad stuff
 2. Pray that you won't be embarrassed

FAITH AT HOME IDEAS: Read I Corinthians 6:19 which talks about our bodies being the temple of the Holy Spirit. Three ideas off of this are worth exploring with your family. 1) God is always with us and will never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6); 2) God is in us not in a building (talk about the fact that the "sanctuary" is our bodies, not a room as in the Old Testament) 3) God is always with us and sees everything we do and knows every thought we have, therefore we should live like God is always watching us, which He is.

LIFE GROUP BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS

- 1) What is your favorite season or time of year and how do you know it is getting close? Why is it your favorite?

- 2) Have you ever been in a situation where you were given a responsibility by someone and they left and said they would be back and you waited too long to take care of that responsibility before they returned? How did you feel? Have you ever been the person who left and came back only to find that what was supposed to have happened was not happening? How did that make you feel?

3) What is Jesus' attitude toward the temple in these passages?

John 2:13-17

Matthew 21:12-13

Matthew 12:3-5

What made the temple so special? See I Kings 8:12-13. According to Luke 19:41-44, how did Jesus feel about the destruction of the temple that He was prophesying here? Where is God's temple today? See I Corinthians 6:19

4) Many people think that the destruction of the temple (which took place in 70 AD) is a type, prefiguring God's judgement on the whole world at the return of Christ. Therefore, it is difficult to separate which signs refer to which event. This is especially true in Matthew 24. Why do you think people get so dogmatic about details about the return of Christ?

6) What should our response be when someone tells us that they have figured out when Christ will return? See Matthew 24:4-5; 26; 36.

6) According to the following passages, what does God tell us about the return of Christ?

Luke 21:34-36

I Thessalonians 4:13-18 (esp. 18)

I Thessalonians 5:1-11 (esp. 11)

II Thessalonians 1:6-7

7) What will the people of the world be doing and saying prior to the return of Christ?

I Thessalonians 5:3

Matthew 24:37-39

II Peter 3:3-4

How are we Christians supposed to be different from them? Why?

8) Take some time and pray and ask God to show you if there is an area of your life that you need to be more careful or more watchful in? What do you need to do about this? Who will you share this with so they can pray for you?