

BIG IDEA

"Hold fast to the promise that though the times may be hard and difficult and exhausting, Jesus has promised that, for the sake of his people, these end times - these last days - will come to an end. And a great and glorious eternal day will begin for the people of God. A day of peace and hope and love and joy unimaginable. This is God's promise to us."

THOUGHTS FROM THE SERMON

- 1. Read Mark 13:14-23. What stood out to you in the reading?
- 2. How were you impacted by the message this week?
 - a. What stuck with you?
 - b. Did you have any "Aha!" moments?
 - c. Was there something you needed to be reminded of?
- 3. What was Jesus' message to his followers about tribulation? What is his message to us today when it comes to tribulation?
- 4. What was your view of the end times before this week's message? How has it changed? -OR- In what ways did it support your original beliefs?
- 5. In what ways could our brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for their faith see a different message in Mark's words? What can we learn from them?

NOTES

PERSONAL REFLECTION AND APPLICATION

- If the Church and Christ-followers began to be persecuted for their faith here, would you be ready?
 What are the truths that can help you not live in fear of the end times? Try reading, writing, or
- 3. How can you grow personally and spiritually by living out these truths in your life?
- 4. Who could you personally impact with this message? Tell them about it in your own words.
- 5. How can Jesus' words bring you comfort as you look to the future and the possibility of tribulation?
- 6. How could you apply what you learned to your life today?
- 7. How can your group hold you accountable this week? How can they encourage you?

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listening to them.

Pray: Commit to praying for each other throughout the upcoming week. At your next meeting, follow up with each other's prayer requests.

Write: Write down those things that you learned this week that encouraged you. Then take time to reflect on them throughout your day. Visit https://www.gatewayepc.org/thegate to view the sermon manuscript to review the message.

Sing: Visit https://www.gatewayepc.org/the-gate/2022/2/15-songs-for-the-weekend-feb-20 and listen to the worship songs from Sunday throughout the week. Look up the lyrics to each song and spend some time reading them as well.

Memorize: As a Life Group, pick a few verses from the sermon and memorize them this week. (Mark 13:20; John 16:33; Romans 8:18; James 1:12; 1 Peter 4:12-13, 5:10)

Love: How can you echo the message of Christ's love this week? How can this message of love encourage someone you know?