



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *Rethink*

Scripture: *Mark 13*

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Message: *Rethink the Future*

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## —[ LET'S START ]—

Pastor Dale began this week's sermon by sharing a riddle with us. How do you feel when someone tells you a riddle? Do you enjoy solving riddles or do you get frustrated by riddles?

Does anyone in our group have a great riddle for us to solve?

## —[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. **GRATITUDE AND PRAYER:** What happened last week for which you are thankful? What challenges do you see in your life? Your family? The World? As a group, take some time to pray. Thank God for the beautiful ways that He has been at work, and pray about the challenges that those in your group are currently facing.
2. In Mark 13, talked with His disciples about the future. Take time tonight to read Mark 13. Read the chapter slowly . . . paragraph by paragraph.
3. What are some of the immediate things that strike you about Jesus in this chapter?
4. How do you think the disciples would have reacted to Jesus' teaching?
5. What questions about the future does this chapter raise in your head?
6. Pastor Dale talked about the persecution of Christians around the world. He said, "The Center for the Study of Global Christianity estimates that more than 70 million Christians have been martyred over the last two millennia. More than half of these were in the 20<sup>th</sup> century under fascist and communist regimes. From the early 21<sup>st</sup> century the Center estimates that 1 million Christians were killed over the 10-year period from 2000-2010, an average of approximately 100,000 Christians killed each year!"

This is our family. How have you personally experienced persecution as a follower of Jesus? Do you know people who have? Take some time to pray for our brothers and sisters around the world who are being persecuted today.

7. How should the signs that Jesus shared impact the way that we live our lives?

—[ LET'S ACT ]—

Our challenge this week is to commit to the following statement:

*By God's help I aim to rethink the future by living each day as if it is the day that Christ is returning to earth.*

How would you live differently if Jesus were coming back to earth today? How important would spiritual multiplication be to you if Jesus were coming back next week? Talk about how we as a group can hold each other accountable to living in the awareness of the return of Christ? How can we be more intentional about holding each other accountable for reaching our Adopt 7 for Jesus?

—[ SERMON REVIEW ]—

- There is so much fear and anxiety about the future.
- The disciples were concerned about their futures, just like people today are. Jesus gave the disciples signs of the times.
- Jesus answers could be a warning to disciples every age.
- These are some of the signs of the return of Jesus:
  - False Messiahs and Prophets
  - Political and Economic Turmoil
  - Social Breakdown
  - Physical and Cosmic Catastrophes
- Paul expended upon Jesus' teaching in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12.
- There are two things we can believe and be assured of:
  - We can be certain that Jesus is coming back again!
  - We can be certain that we do not know when He will come back again!
- We are called to live wide awake to:
  - The Truth of God's Word
  - The Purpose of God
  - The consequences of living on mission with God
- *By God's help I aim to rethink the future by living each day as if it is the day that Christ is returning to earth.*

—[ NOTES ]—

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