

CrossWalk **notes**

It's About Time

End Time

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Should we expect the world to end sometime soon?

¹ Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention **to its buildings**. ² "Do you see all these things?" he asked. "Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." **Matthew 24:1-2**

**We often get wrapped up in the _____,
and tend to overlook the _____.**

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." . . . ²¹ But the temple he had spoken of was his body. **John 2:19;21, NIV**

²⁷ Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. **Hebrews 7:27, NIV**

Buildings are often _____ . The destruction of the temple was clearly connected to the death of _____ .

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. "Tell us," they said, "when will this happen, and **what will be the sign** of your coming and of the end of the age?" ⁴ Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For **many will come in my name**, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of **wars and rumors of wars**, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of **birth pains**. **Matthew 24:3-8, NIV**

Jesus wants us to know what to _____ so we are prepared when he returns to _____ the world.

⁹ "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and **you will be hated** by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and **hate each other**, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and **deceive** many people. **Matthew 24:9-11, NIV**

In the world there will be more and more _____ and _____ directed at Jesus and his Church.

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. **Matthew 24:12-13. NIV**

Even Christians will be tempted to give up on the _____ of Jesus as the solution to the world's problems.

¹⁴ And **this gospel of the kingdom will be preached** in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. **Matthew 24:14 NIV**

The _____ of the world is the good news about Jesus. Our work is to _____ the world for Jesus' return by sharing the good news.

³⁵ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. . .

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. **Matthew 24:35;42 NIV**

Jesus' return is one day _____ today than yesterday. Be ready for his return by focusing on the _____ .

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will pay attention to the signs that remind me that Jesus is coming back. I will live in love and do everything I can to share Jesus to prepare the world and myself for his return.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

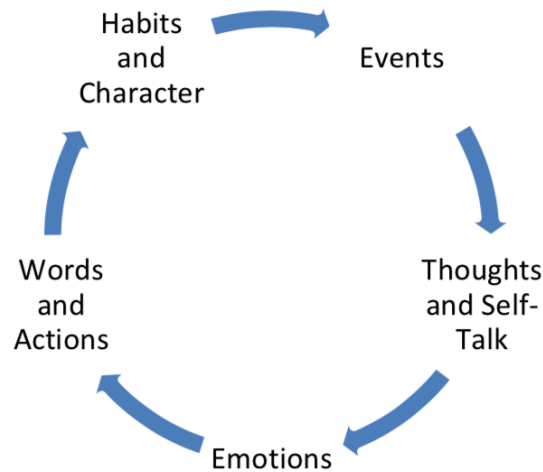
Impact Groups

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Getting Started: What is a Black Friday deal you got that was a “limited time” offer?

Going back to Sunday

What truth from Sunday’s message was most impactful for you? How has the truth made a difference in your thinking, your emotions, or your words and actions this week?



Read Matthew 24:1-2

Why do you think people get so wrapped up in church buildings?

How does looking at our future building as a lighthouse, landmark and launchpad help us focus on the eternal?

Read Matthew 24:3-11

As you look at the signs of the ends of the age, what signs make you think that Jesus is coming sooner than later?

Read Matthew 24:12-14 from your notes.

Do you see any evidence of love growing cold in the church?

Why is the spreading of the gospel the ultimate show of love to the world?

Doing Life Together

This is the last set of group questions until after the New Year. Start to make plans today for your group. Also make a plan to get together for fun and fellowship during the Christmas break.

Prayer

Pray together as a group for about 10 minutes. Many groups do this in a circle format, allowing each person in the circle to pray or pass as they wish until all have had a chance to pray.

Reminders:

Christ-mess message series starts the first Sunday in December, don't miss it!

In-person Christmas Eve services:

Midtown December 23rd 6:30 pm at New Valley

Laveen December 24th 3 pm and 5 pm at ALA

Online worship:

Youtube Premiere December 22nd, 6 pm

Cwlc.online.church Same as in-person times