

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

Mining Matthew Chapter 24:1-35

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. When you were growing up, what were you like with building blocks (Lincoln logs, Tinker toys, Legos, etc.): (a) Meticulous in following the instructions step by step? (b) Innovative in designing your own structure? (c) Mischievous in destroying someone else’s creation?

Getting us into Scripture

2. What prompts Jesus’ next lesson?
3. What bombshell does he drop on his disciples (vv. 4-25)? How do the Jewish people (including the disciples) feel about the temple? How must the disciples have felt when they heard Jesus’ words in verse 2?
4. What three questions do the disciples ask (v. 3)?
5. What events might mislead the disciples into thinking the end had come (vv. 4-7)?
6. What does Jesus promise for those who endure and don’t give in? What must the church continue doing (v. 14)?
7. What event would signal the start of the great distress? What does “the abomination that causes desolation” mean? (See Daniel 9:27 and 11:31.)
8. What should the residents of Jerusalem do when this happens (vv. 16-20)? Why?
9. What dangerous deceptions would Christians need to guard against (vv. 23-26)? Why would believers be susceptible to such rumors then?
10. In contrast, what will mark the coming of the true Messiah (vv. 27-29)? What will his second coming be like (vv. 30-31)?
11. What is the lesson from the fig tree? How does it apply to the disciples’ question (v. 3) and Jesus’ answer (vv. 33-35)?

Getting Scripture into us

12. Some people think this passage anticipated the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., while others think it refers to the end of the world. What do you think? Could it be both?
13. How does this passage influence your lifestyle?
14. If you could ask Jesus one question about either the Second Coming or the end of the world, what would you ask? How do you think he would answer?
15. Has your love for others grown cold (v. 12)? What can you do about it?