

## Sermon Discussion Guide:

# Signs Before the End

Scripture: **Luke 21:7-11**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

Sunday, November 24, 2019

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### OVERVIEW

Jesus is heading to Jerusalem to redeem, but along the way he stops to teach. As Jesus tells of the coming destruction of the temple, the disciples ask him when this was going to take place and what sign will take place. This was frightening for the disciples, as the temple was the place where people went to be baptized, to be forgiven, to meet with God. This is a question of eschatology—the destruction of the temple was a sign of the end times. Jesus also warns against false teachers who will use eschatology and signs to lead people astray. He taught his disciples that when they hear of wars, great earthquakes, famines, or diseases to not be terrified because they don't mean that day *is* the last day, but they are *signs* of the last days. **False teachers distract and discourage; true teachers direct and develop.**

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### CORROBORATING TEXTS

Mark 13:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:1-5; 1 John 3:7; 2 Peter 2:1-3; 1 Timothy 6:3-5; 1 Timothy 4:1-5; 1 John 3:2-3; Romans 13:11-14; 1 Peter 4:7-11

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are we living in the end times?
2. What makes us susceptible to being led astray? What types of people are likely to lead others astray?
3. What techniques do false teachers use to lead people astray? *[they claim authority, they frighten by predicting the end, and they focus on secondary issues]*
4. What are the “signs from heaven” mentioned in verse 11? *[huge cosmic events]*
5. When you hear of wars, earthquakes, and other disasters, what should you do?
6. What is the difference between false teachers and true teachers in the way they present eschatology? *[false teachers leverage eschatology and signs to create fearful obedience and control their followers. true teachers use eschatology and signs to point to Christ so that people are joyfully expectant for Christ's second coming, they call for faithful obedience, and free followers from false doctrines and teachers.]*
7. What should this passage motivate us to do? *[know our Bible, repent, and obey]*