

## **The Gospel of Mark Message Series**

Discussion Guide based on the morning message on June 13, 2010

*Watch – Mark 13*

**Big Idea:** Do not be discouraged for Jesus is in control and is coming again.

### **ICE BREAKER DISCUSSION**

- Larry began his message by talking about verse 1 and the significance of Jesus leaving the temple. What was the deeper meaning in Jesus leaving? In what ways does God change and in what ways does God stay the same? (methods vs. His character) In what way is the temple still a part of Christian experience today? (Our bodies are a temple.) How does (could) that realization impact our lives today?

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- Larry mentioned that the verses had a dual application. What did he mean?
- Did Larry's explanation of "wars and rumors of wars" surprise you?
- Why would someone be afraid after reading those verses?
- To whom and how can chapter 13 be of comfort?
- How are we to understand and connect the preaching of the Gospel to all nations and the nearness of Jesus coming back? Has the gospel been preached to all nations? How can the answer be yes and no?
- How can verse 11 help you give your testimony? What is a person's testimony?
- How are these dates important: 167 BC and 70 AD?
- What is the "abomination that causes desolation"?
- Who are the elect? How does your view of "the elect" inform your view of salvation? What is Baptist doctrine when it comes to "the elect"?

### **Application**

- How will you live differently this week in light of verses 28-30?
- Prepare your testimony in three ways:
  1. Write it out to include what your life was like before you were saved, what happened at the moment of salvation, and what your life has been like since you were saved.
  2. Practice telling your testimony until you can do it comfortably in a minute or two.
  3. Live in such a way that your testimony is believable.