Home Group Discussion Guide
Be Alert But Not Alarmed – Mark 13:1-37

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The following questions are designed to help groups explore the message above by challenging participants to consider how God is wanting them to apply it to their lives.
*The questions are a **guide** to help lead discussion.*

Please don't feel that all questions need to be asked, *instead respond to the needs of your group. If you have new people in your group, take the opportunity to introduce each other and clarify any expectations that are present in your group (such as confidentiality).*

GETTING STARTED

1. When you hear the phrase "End Times" or "Apocalypse," what is your immediate gut reaction—fascination, fear, or confusion?

2. What was the main challenge or idea that stood out to you from the message on Sunday?

REFLECTING ON THE MESSAGE

Key Scripture*: Mark 13:1-37*
Read Mark 13:32-37

1. Jesus explicitly states that no one knows the day or hour—not even the angels or the Son. If the focus isn't on the "when," why does Jesus command us to "watch"?

2. How does the parable change the way we understand what Jesus has been talking about in the rest of the chapter?

Read Mark 13:5-11

3. When we consider our world today we can relate to Jesus' words; "you will hear of wars and rumours of wars…", how do Jesus' words in this passage give us hope?

4. Can you think of ways that God has redeemed moments of challenge for His gospel to be shared with those who need it?

RESPONDING TO THE MESSAGE

1. If Jesus came back today, would you content to stand before God's throne and give an account for your words, deeds and life? Why/Why not?

2. Is there an area of your life where you have been "sleeping" spiritually instead of living actively for the King?
   a. What would it look like for you to live like Jesus is returning this week?

OPPORTUNITY FOR PRAYER

Our Home Groups are the primary place for pastoral care to occur within the Church. We would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for each other in this space.