

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM

Sermon: Matthew 24:13-14

Date: May 8, 2022

Group Discussion Questions

- 1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
- 2. What has the focus of Christ been so far in answering the question previously asked by his disciples in verse 3?
- 3. What ought to be the goal of every earthly trial and tribulation that we go through? Why?
- 4. In this context, what do Christ's followers need saving from? What type of salvation is the phrase "will be saved" referring to in verse 13?
- 5. What is the reward that often comes to those who faithfully endure the trial? What happens to those who defect? How does this serve as motivation to endure?
- 6. Pastor Jacob said that the preaching of the "gospel of the kingdom" (v. 14) would have been a public and political statement. Explain. Is the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom still a political statement today? Why or why not?
- 7. Verse 14 says that the gospel of the kingdom *will be proclaimed throughout the whole world*. Could this have been fulfilled by 70AD? Explain using Scripture.
- 8. Why is it important to stay optimistic about the kingdom of God in the midst of trials and tribulations? How can we do this?
- 9. How can we seek to faithfully endure the trials of life until they come to an end? How would you biblically counsel someone struggling to endure a trial right now?