



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. Alex followed on from the Sunday Connection talk where he helped us to see the way that Jesus described the future for his disciples so they could have confidence in the further future of his return and their redemption. He pointed out that there are two responses that we could have to that reality. We could faith with terror (v. 26) or stand and raise our heads (v. 28). Which category do you think you would fall into? Why?
2. Part of Jesus' reason for his description about the future was to help us to consider how we should live in the present in light of that future. Alex pointed out three ways we might choose to live: witness despite persecution (v. 13), endure and stand firm (v. 19), remain watchful for Jesus (v. 36). Discuss each of these. What do they mean in the context of your life? Which one resonates with where you are right now?
3. Further on in Jesus' teaching in Luke 21, he warned about two dangers that could befall those who follow him. Take a look at Luke 21:34. What were the two warnings about things that could weigh you down as you wait? Why would these be a danger? What could you do to guard against these in your own life?
4. Read Luke 21:37-38. Luke tells us that the people were eager to come and hear Jesus teach them every day. What do you think drove their desire to learn from Jesus? Do you think you experience that same level of desire to be with Jesus and learn from him? Why do you think it tends to ebb and flow in our lives? What can we do to stoke the flame of desire for Jesus in our hearts?
5. Jesus packed quite a lot of teaching into Luke 21. What would be your biggest takeaway from all that we've discussed in this chapter? What is one thing you feel like the Holy Spirit is saying to you through your study of this chapter? What might you want to do in response?