

**Getting to Know Each Other.**

Share light refreshments. Go around the group and introduce yourselves and talk through this question: *“What is your favorite disaster movies?”* \*

**Follow up.** Did you get to share with someone about Jesus this past week?  
Or how else did you obey Jesus?

**Vision.** Jesus told us to “Make disciples.” The purpose of our Life Group is: To help people become Believers in Jesus and grow up to become Disciple Makers.

**Bible Study Introduction.** Prophecy in the Bible often points to a fulfillment in the near future and also in the distant future. Within 38 years after Jesus spoke these words to His disciples, the Temple in Jerusalem was looted, burned, and destroyed. Jesus’ words also tell us about the end of the world.

**Pray.** Before we read the Scripture, let’s pray that God will speak to each one of us.

**Read.** We will read through the passage two times and then discuss it, so listen carefully. Get two people to read **Mark 13:1-13.** \*\*

**Discuss** these questions, one at a time, encouraging everyone who wants to respond to do so. Remind the group: Keep your answers based just on this passage.

1. What stands out or surprises you in this passage?
2. What does it show us about people and choices we can make?
  - Jesus tells His disciples not to be so impressed with the Temple building because it will soon be destroyed. What are some temporary things that people today are obsessed with?
  - How can we *not* be alarmed or panic when we hear about deceivers, wars, earthquakes, and famines?
3. What does this passage show us about God?
  - Jesus experienced rejection, betrayal, and death. How should that help us face persecution?
  - What is an example of something that you believe the Holy Spirit gave you to say in that moment?
  - Jesus said that the Good News must be preached to “all nations” before the end will come. What does that show about God’s heart?
  - Knowing that the things of this world will soon pass away, what is God saying to you that He wants to change in your life?

**Obeying Jesus.** As disciples of Jesus, we want to follow Jesus in whatever way He is leading us today. As we pray silently for 30 seconds, see if God speaks to your heart. Pray something like this: *“Lord Jesus, what do you want me to do with what You are showing me today?”* [30 sec. silent prayer]

Remember to obey what God is saying to you. And this week ask God who He wants you to talk with about Jesus. Let’s close in prayer.

**Closing Prayer.**

Pray something like: “Lord, prepare the hearts of the people we will be sharing the Good News of Jesus with this week. And give us strength and joy as we follow You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

*\* If there are no new people, you can skip the “icebreaker.”*  
*\*\* Reading from different translations often helps.*