

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

SERVANTHOOD & SACRIFICE IN A SELFIE WORLD

QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: Who likes books or movies that are set in future times? Why do you like or dislike them? Have any scenes in particular excited or startled you?

1. Bearing in mind the statement previously directed at Jesus in verse 1, what seems to be the motivation behind the question posed by Peter, James, John and Andrew in verse 4? Are they concerned, serious, curious? Similarly, how might you categorize the tone of Jesus' response to their question?
2. Identify 4 spiritual dangers Jesus seems to be warning the disciples about in the early going of this chapter as He responds to the statement and to their question. Pay particular attention to verses 2 to 5.
3. How does Jesus describe the posture of a Christian through these times and events described in verses 9 and 10? How will you prepare yourself, should you face such times?
4. What encouragement do you find regarding how you might be able to stand in the midst of extremely difficult circumstances? See verse 11. Read Acts 4:8 and 6:8-10. Find other examples in Scripture you might share.
5. Jesus doesn't "pull His punches." He describes the "end" in very stark and foreboding terms. How do we then approach the possibility of us living through the "end"? Read Revelation 2:10.
6. How might we learn from this exchange between Jesus and His disciples? How should we approach these future events? See 1Thessalonians 4:13-17 for a similar passage.
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"Let this one great, gracious, glorious fact lie in your spirit until it permeates all your thoughts and makes you rejoice even though you are without strength. Rejoice that the Lord Jesus has become your strength and your song – He has become your salvation." (Charles Spurgeon)