

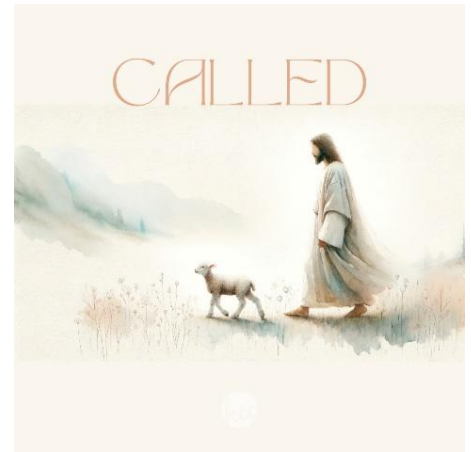
Life Group Study Notes

Date: 02nd August 2026

Sermon: **Living Prepared**

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Scriptures: Mark 13:1-37



Scripture Questions:

1. Every prediction for the end of the world has failed, yet many still look for signs of the times. Should we look for "signs of the times" and be ready for Jesus's return? What does the Fig Tree example mean in V28?
2. Why didn't Jesus directly answer the disciples in V4?
3. Do you agree that Jesus calls us to prepare for his return rather than predict it? Why?
4. V13 states, "He who stands firm to the end will be saved." What practical disciplines help maintain faith under trial?
5. Who are the "Elect" in V20, and how can you be part of this chosen group?
6. Do V26-27, describing Jesus's return with power, encourage you? Why? Consider Rev 19:11-16.
7. Considering V31, where Jesus says his words are eternal, what kind of people should we be? Refer to 2 Peter 3:11-14.
8. What is the main message of the man leaving his servants in charge in V34?
9. What does Jesus mean by "watch" in V37, and why does he address "everyone"? How can we actively watch?

Personal Questions:

- How do you balance daily responsibilities while staying ready for His return?
- What habits keep you spiritually awake and watchful?
- How does focusing on current events distract you from being a faithful servant and trusting in Christ's Word?

Prayer:

Our wonderful Father God. Thank You for the clarity and urgency of Your Word in this passage. We confess that it is easy to get lulled to sleep by the routines, comforts, and distractions of this world. Forgive us for the moments we live as though our Master is never returning. Holy Spirit, help us to see the specific work You have assigned to each of us, in our homes, our workplaces, and our church. Grant us the discipline to watch, pray, and work faithfully, so that whenever You return, You will find us awake and "living prepared".

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.