Message Outline



A Doctor's Diagnosis of Jesus: Does My Insurance Cover That?

Luke 21

Intro: Tough sermons the last two...judgment and end times!

v.1-4—A hard life but a right he	eart
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- v.5-6—Jesus warns of coming crisis...
- v.7—A question about end times (cf. Mt.24)...
- v.8-19—Hinting at a lengthy returning (cf. 1Thess.5, 2Pet.3)...
 - In the meantime, *two don'ts...*
 - 1) Don't be a______ v.9
 - 2) Don't be led a_____ v.8
 - In the meantime, *two do's*...
 - 1) Do ______v.13
 - 2) Do v.19
 - Insurance check...difference between death and perishing (v.16, 18 and Jn.3:16).
- v.20-28—Biblical prophecy like bifocals...
 - Near fulfillment...fall of Jerusalem 70AD.
 - Distant fulfillment...Jesus' returning.

 *When the immanent is accurate, it gives reason to believe in future fulfillment!
- Labor pains birthing new creation (v.25-26).
- v.29-33—Reading the signs of the time, and trusting in God's word...
- v.34-36—Action in wake of instruction...

Coverage Knowing What's Coming

- 1) E______ is Near (v.32, 1Thess.5)
 - Living knowing we are closer today than yesterday...
- 2) E_____ on the Skies (v.27-28)
 - A posture to guide and get ready...
- 3) E_____(v.19, Heb.12:1-2)
 - The struggle/strain for the strength...

Small Group Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 27-28

*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?

*Compare/contrast. What does pop culture (ie. TV, books, movies etc.) say about the end of the world? What does Jesus say?

*What are some world events that could be signs of the end times (cf. v.10-12, 25-28)?

*Jesus talks of testifying (v.13) and enduring (v.19) as we get toward end times. If someone asked you the question, "How did Jesus change your life," how would you answer them (ie. testify)? And what does Christian endurance look like?

*The Bible says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (Prov.27:17). As we end another small group session, in what ways has God used the "tool" of small groups to sharpen and shape you in this spring session? Be specific.

*Next steps: in preparation for next fall's small groups, how can you encourage someone to enter the small group "sharpening" journey?