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Preparing for the End Luke 21:1-19 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

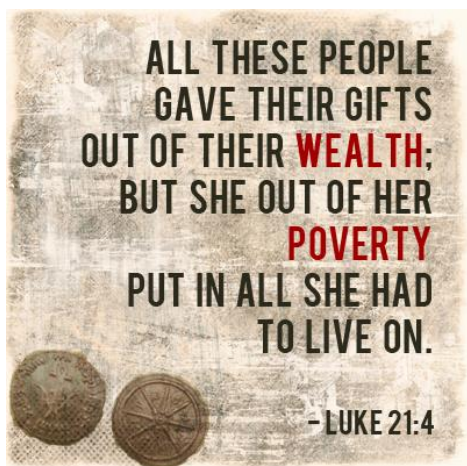
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will start chapter 21 of the book of Luke. There are three basic parts to this section. The first part is the account of the poor widow who put the last of her money into the offering. Jesus declares that she has put in more than the people that have given out of their wealth. In the next part Jesus warns of the coming destruction of Jerusalem and other wars to come. In the third section Jesus warns of the persecution of the saints. These three sections all give insight into the coming of the end of the age. Join us this week as we look for how we can prepare for the end, regardless of when it comes.



The Widow's Offering

1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 He said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all offered their gifts out of their wealth. But she, out of her poverty, put in everything she had to live on."

The Signs of the End of the Age

5 Now while some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and offerings, Jesus said, 6 "As for these things that you are gazing at, the days will come when not one stone will be left on another. All will be torn down!" 7 So they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that these things are about to take place?" 8 He said, "Watch out that you are not misled. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not follow them! 9 And when you hear of wars and rebellions, do not be afraid. For these things must happen first, but the end will not come at once."

Persecution of Disciples

10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise up in arms against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. 11 There will be great earthquakes, and famines and plagues in various places, and there will be terrifying sights and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you, handing you over to the synagogues and prisons. You will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. 13 This will be a time for you to serve as witnesses. 14 Therefore be resolved not to rehearse ahead of time how to make your defense. 15 For I will give you the words along with the wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. 16 You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will have some of you put to death. 17 You will be hated by everyone because of my name. 18 Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.

● EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. What other areas of Scripture are directly related to this passage that might help us understand this passage better?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How did the widow put in more than everyone else?
9. Why do you think Jesus tells them the temple will be destroyed?
10. How does Jesus answer the question “when will these things happen”?
11. When will there be wars, earthquakes, and famines?
12. When are they to wait for God to speak for them and not rehearse?
13. How can Jesus say all these bad things will happen but not a hair on your head will perish?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How do we know what we should give?

15. Should we anticipate the end coming ? When?

16. What should we do to prepare for the end?

17. What benefit is it to hear these things from Jesus?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

Sermon Notes