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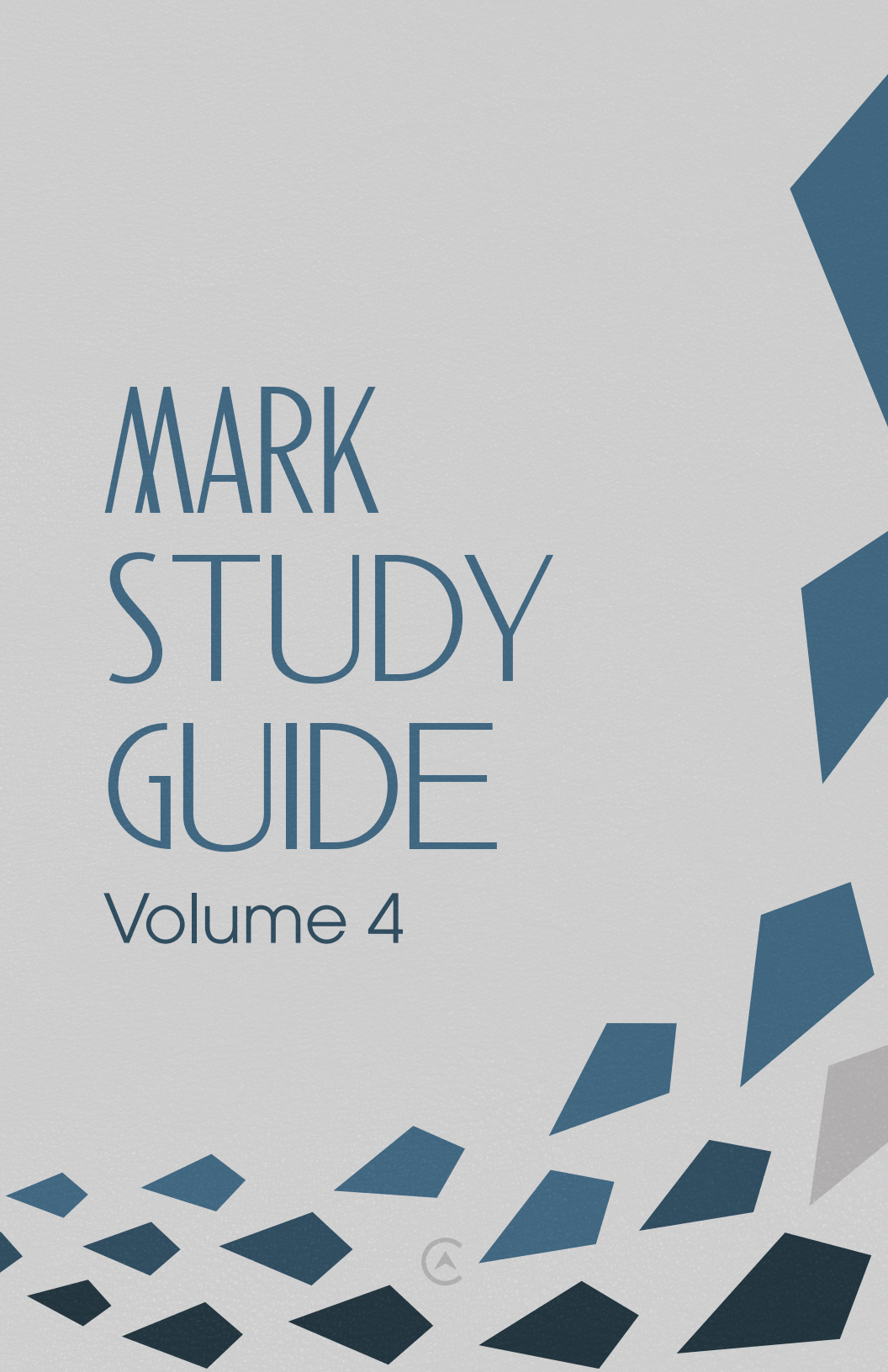
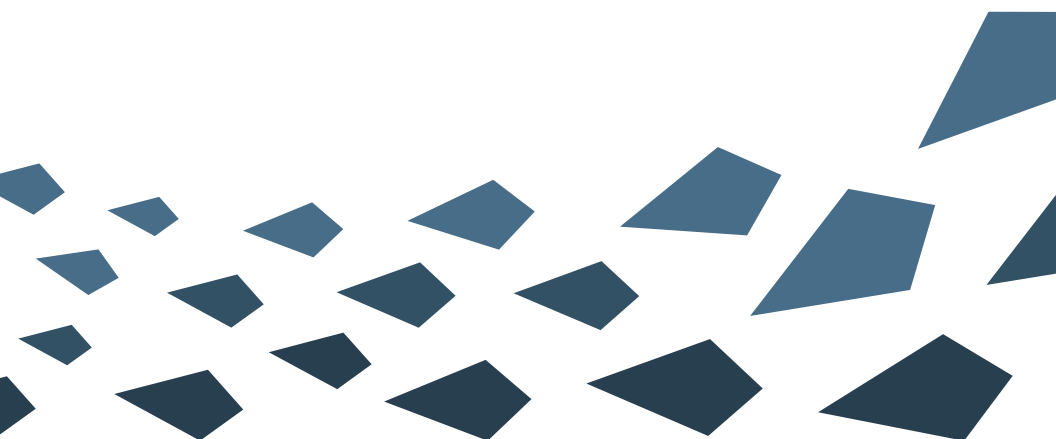


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The material in this booklet covers weeks 29-37 of our sermon series in the Gospel of Mark. To access volumes 1, 2, or 3 of this study guide, visit **chapel-pointe.org/mark** or request additional physical copies by emailing us at **info@chapel-pointe.org**.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As we journey through the Gospel of Mark as a church, we want to help you engage with God's Word, reflect on the servanthood of Jesus, and apply it to your life. We encourage you to journey through this study guide alongside your small group, family, or friends.

Each week, you will have the opportunity to:

1. Prepare and Meditate

Each week, you will have the opportunity to set aside time to prepare your heart to receive God's Word for the upcoming message on Sunday. This is an opportunity to be still, read and memorize Scripture, and meditate on God's Word before Sunday morning.

2. Take Message Notes

Use the provided space to capture notes from the message. Write down anything that stands out, questions you want to explore further, or practical ways the message both sharpens and encourages you.

3. Engage in Discussion

Spend time cultivating discussion in your small group, at the dinner table, or with your friends through the questions provided. Focus on observing the text, understanding its meaning, and reflecting on your walk with Jesus through these sections.

4. Apply God's Word

Move from hearing to doing (James 1:22-25) by identifying next steps you can take in your walk with Jesus. Each week, we encourage you to consider how the Holy Spirit is speaking to you and how God is calling you to engage in a deeper relationship with Him.

5. Do a Family Activity

Each week includes a section for families to continue conversations throughout the week. These activities provide opportunities for your family to grow together in Christ and apply biblical truths in your home.

Week 29:

THE TRANSFIGURATION

Overview

Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a mountain where He is transfigured, revealing His divine glory alongside Moses and Elijah. In this passage, we discover the radiance and glory of Jesus and are invited to worship Him in all of His glory.

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- **Read:** Mark 9:1-13
- **Memorize:** And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. (Mark 9:2-3)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Read Exodus 34:4-9 & 27-35. What similarities and differences do you notice between Exodus 34 and Mark 9? How is the radiance of Jesus similar to Moses? How is it different?

What does the transfiguration of Jesus reveal about His nature? Why is this important for us to understand when it comes to our worship of Him?

What does Jesus ask them to do on the way down the mountain? Why is that timing important for them to understand fully what they just witnessed?

Apply

Read Colossians 1:15-22. How does Jesus being the Son of God, which is revealed in the transfiguration, call you to passionately respond in worship?

What does this worshipful response look like?

In verse 7, God the Father gives the charge to listen to Jesus. In the past couple of weeks, where have you listened to Jesus in your daily life? What does it look like for you to listen to Jesus in the week ahead?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 9:1-13

Discuss

- How do you think Peter, James, and John felt when they saw Jesus shining?
- What did God say from the cloud, and why is it important?
- How can we listen to Jesus in our daily lives?
- How does this story help us trust that Jesus is the Son of God?

Activity:

- Tell everyone, "We are going on a journey just like Jesus, Peter, James, and John. Let's pretend we are climbing a mountain!"
- If indoors, slowly go up the stairs; if outdoors, hike up a small hill or walk around the yard.

Pause at the "Mountain Top"

- Once you reach your "mountain peak," have one person wrap a white cloth around their shoulders or shine a flashlight on them to represent Jesus glowing.
- Talk about how Jesus' appearance changed and how the disciples reacted.

Recreate the Cloud and Voice

- Use a pillow, blanket, or hands to gently cover eyes as you say, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to Him!" (Mark 9:7).
- Then, uncover and ask, "What would you do if you heard God say that?"

Walk Back Down and Reflect

- As you "descend the mountain," discuss how Jesus told the disciples not to tell anyone yet.
- Ask, "Why do you think Jesus wanted them to wait?"

Week 30:

FAITH, HEALING, AND

HUMILITY

Overview

In this portion of Mark 9, we see Jesus display His healing power while also teaching a valuable lesson to His disciples, and ultimately to us, that we can trust Him fully for our healing. He also shows us the significance of a full and robust faith.

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- **Read:** Mark 9:14-29
- **Memorize:** And Jesus said to him, "'If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.'" Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:23-24)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

What does Mark 9:14-29 teach us about...

- Jesus' authority and power
- The significance of faith
- The power of prayer

Do you doubt Jesus' ability to heal your wounds or deliver you from your woes? Why/why not?

When in your life has your faith been the strongest? Why was it so strong then and what can you learn from that season to strengthen your faith today?

Apply

Create a journal or note on your phone/computer, and jot down prayers that God has answered. Use this as a regular reminder of His faithfulness.

Begin to pray boldly and consistently for something that seems impossible, and take note when God answers aspects of your prayers.

Ask three people (a friend/neighbor/coworker, a family member, and maybe someone you don't know very well) what they've seen God do in their lives in the last 6 months and what they hope to see God do in the next 6 months.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 9:14-29

Discuss

- What did the boy's father say to Jesus? Why do you think he said, "Help me overcome my unbelief"?
- Why did Jesus say that "anything is possible for one who believes"?
- How do you think the boy felt after Jesus healed him? How would you feel if you were the father?
- What is something in your life you can pray about with faith, just like the father did in this story?

Activity:

- Give each child a piece of paper and ask them to draw a picture of something that needs healing or help (e.g., a sick animal, a broken toy, etc.).
- Explain that just like the boy in the story, sometimes we feel like we need help. Jesus wants us to trust Him and pray.
- **Pray Together:** Once the pictures are drawn, have each person pray about something they need help with, either for themselves or for others (e.g., healing, help with a difficult situation). Encourage them to pray with trust and faith, just like the father in the story who asked Jesus for help.

Week 31:

THE CALL TO SERVANTHOOD

Overview

In this passage, Jesus teaches the disciples that true greatness in God's kingdom is not about power or status but about humility and servanthood—putting others first. As an illustration, Jesus embraces a child, showing that welcoming and serving the least among us is the same as welcoming Him.

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- **Read:** Mark 9:30-41
- **Memorize:** "And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Why do you think the disciples were arguing about who was the greatest?

How did Jesus challenge their way of thinking about leadership and greatness?

What does it mean to be a servant to others?

Why do you think Jesus used a child as an example of welcoming and serving?

Apply

Jesus teaches that being great in God's Kingdom means putting others before ourselves. Look for one way to help and serve others this week.

Just as Jesus welcomed the child, we should be welcoming and kind to those who may feel left out. Pray for God to give you eyes to see these people in your life and give you opportunities to build relationships with them.

Servanthood isn't about getting recognition or receiving something in return for service. Take initiative this week by doing something without being asked.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 9:30-41

Activity: “Secret Servant Challenge”

- **Objective:** To practice servanthood by secretly doing acts of kindness for each other.
- **How to Play:**
 1. Write each family member’s name on a separate piece of paper and put them in a bowl.
 2. Each person draws a name (without showing others) and becomes a “secret servant” to that person for the next 24 hours (or even a full week).
 3. During the set time frame, each person does small, thoughtful acts of service without revealing who they are. Examples: making their bed, leaving an encouraging note, or doing a chore for them.
 4. At the end of the time, gather together and try to guess who was serving whom. Then discuss how it felt to serve and be served.

Week 32:

TEACHING ON TEMPTATION AND MARRIAGE

Overview

In this passage, Jesus is teaching several different lessons about the severity of sin and a biblical view on marriage. We discover the boldness of Jesus and God's design for us in marriage.

Prepare and Meditate

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- **Read:** Mark 9:42-50 & Mark 10:1-12
- **Memorize:** Jesus said, "What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Mark 10:9)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Why does Jesus speak so boldly against sin?

What measures are you taking in your own life against sin?

What is God's design for marriage?

How did Jesus' teachings on marriage and divorce challenge the views of the Pharisees and the people of His time?

Apply

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal sin in your life and ask for forgiveness. Ask for God's help to repent and for His power to overcome the sin in your life.

God's heart for marriage is one of love and unity, and for those who have experienced divorce, it is filled with compassion, healing, and restoration. Talk about specific relationships in your life that need to experience unity and restoration this week.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 9:42-50 & Mark 10:1-12

Discuss

- Why does Jesus talk so strongly about removing things that cause us to sin?
- What does Jesus teach us about marriage?

Activity: Walking in God's Way

- **Objective:** To help our kids understand the difference between sin and righteousness.
- Go for a walk around the neighborhood and discuss some examples of sin (see below) and share how this can lead you off the path God intended for you.
- Stop and pray for forgiveness (parents lead).
- Continue walking and share examples of righteousness (see below), and share how this is the right path God has for us.

Examples of Sin

- Disobeying parents
- Being selfish
- Leaving others out
- Telling lies
- Angry words

Examples of Righteousness

- Obedience
- Selflessness
- Sharing
- Telling the truth
- Kindness

- **Reflection Questions:** What are things in your life that can lead you off God's path? How can we help each other stay on the right path?

Week 33:

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Overview

In this passage, we discover that Jesus' way requires both childlike faith through Jesus' acceptance of children. We also learn from the rich young ruler that following Jesus requires surrender.

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- **Read:** Mark 10:13-31
- **Memorize:** "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Why do you think the disciples tried to stop the children from coming to Jesus?

What stands out to you about the conversation with the rich young man?

Talk about the question the disciples asked in verse 26, "Then who can be saved?"

How does Jesus' statement in verse 31 challenge common belief and practice when it comes to greatness?

Apply

What areas of life are you tempted to earn God's approval rather than trusting Him?

How have you approached God with childlike humility and surrender this week?

What would it look like for you to surrender your "riches" in order to follow Jesus fully?

Where is God challenging you to greater dependence on Him right now?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 10:13-31

Discuss

- Why was it hard for the rich man to follow Jesus?

Activity: What is your treasure?

You will need small pieces of paper with different “treasures” written on them (e.g., money, toys, Jesus, family, love, kindness, helping others).

1. **Hide the “treasure” papers** around the house or yard before starting.
2. Let each family member search for and collect some of the hidden treasures.
3. **Discuss each treasure:** Gather together and take turns reading the treasures found. Ask:
 - Which treasures do we usually think are most important?
 - Which treasures do you think are most important to God?
 - What does Jesus say about following Him and giving up things for His sake (verse 29-31)?

Week 34: GREATNESS IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Overview

As Jesus leads his disciples toward Jerusalem, He corrects His disciples on what they think greatness is and teaches them that true greatness is found by selfless servanthood.

Prepare and Meditate

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- **Read:** Mark 10:32-52
- **Memorize:** "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Jesus understood His mission — how do we see that demonstrated in verses 32-34?

What kind of Messiah were James and John looking for? How did their view of Jesus shape their request? (verses 35-37)

How does Jesus define greatness? (verses 43-45)

What does the healing of the blind man Bartimaeus teach us when considering greatness in God's Kingdom?

Apply

Being a disciple of Jesus clearly means seeking out opportunities to serve others. What is one way you can participate in serving others this week?

Jesus redefines greatness as servanthood. Where must you pursue the towel (servant) rather than a crown (status)?

Identify people in your family, at work, or church and find ways to put their needs before your own.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 10:32-52

Discuss

- What does it mean that Jesus came to serve? How can we be a family that serves others like Jesus?

Activity

Each member of the family writes down one way to serve others at home on multiple sticky notes. Fold all the ideas and put them into a Mason Jar. After dinner each night, each member of the family selects one way to serve and does what is on the sticky note before dinner the next day.

Week 35:

THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS

Overview

Across this section of Scripture, we see Jesus' divine authority—over nature, over the temple, and over the religious leaders. In the cursing of the fig tree, the cleansing of the temple, and the parable of the tenants, Jesus demonstrates both the power He holds and the rejection He experiences. These moments point forward to His crucifixion, showing how humanity's response to His authority reveals whether we're truly bearing fruit or simply putting on a show.

Prepare and Meditate

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- **Read:** Mark 11:12-12:12
- **Memorize:**

Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes?” (Mark 12:10-11)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

Why did Jesus curse a fig tree that had leaves but no fruit? What does this teach us about the importance of bearing fruit in our lives?

In cleansing the temple, what was Jesus communicating about His authority and priorities?

What part of Christ's authority is easiest for you to trust? What part is hardest?

Where in your life is God asking you to submit more deeply to Jesus' authority?

In the parable, why do the tenants reject and harm the servants and the son? What does this reveal about their hearts?

What does this story teach us about how people respond to God's messengers—and to Jesus?

Apply

Ask three trusted people what fruit of the Spirit they see in you and what area you most need to grow in. Let their answers guide your prayers and next steps.

Identify one person to serve this week with no expectation of recognition or thanks.

Spend time writing out prayers of gratitude to God. Then write thank-you notes to people in your life who've blessed you, and share them.

Is there any area of your life where you're living in quiet opposition to God's authority? Confess it to Him—and to a trusted friend—and ask for accountability to grow.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 11:12-12:12

Discuss

- Why do you think Jesus cursed the fig tree?
- How can we make sure our faith is "fruitful" and not just for show?
- What kind of "fruit" does God want us to produce in our lives? (Examples: love, kindness, faithfulness—see Galatians 5:22-23.)

Activity

- Jesus tells His disciples that faith in God can move mountains (Mark 11:22-24).
- Ask each family member:
 - What is one thing you need to trust God for?
 - How can we pray with faith and believe in God's power?
 - Pray together as a family, asking God to grow your faith and help you trust Him completely.

Week 36:

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

Overview

We are created to love the Lord with everything we are—our heart, mind, soul, and strength. In this passage, we discover the Great Commandment and Jesus' conversations with religious leaders on paying taxes, the resurrection, giving, and more.

Prepare and Meditate

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- **Read:** Mark 12:13-44
- **Memorize:** Jesus said, "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:30-31)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

In verses 13-17, Jesus draws a distinction between two kingdoms—Cesar’s (temporary) and God’s (eternal). What is our responsibility as followers of Jesus in both of these arenas?

Which part of the Great Commandment (loving God with all of your heart, mind, or strength) is the most challenging for you? Why?

Jesus warns against doing religious acts for people’s approval. Where are you seeking the approval of man over God?

What do verses 41-44 teach us about true generosity?

Apply

Spend time praying and asking God how you can love Him with all of your heart, mind, and strength this week.

Identify one way you can love your neighbor, friend, or coworker as yourself this week.

Ask God for forgiveness for any areas of your life where you are seeking people’s approval.

How is God calling you to step into generosity? Take action this week.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Read Together

- Mark 12:13-44

Discuss

- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?
- Who is your “neighbor”? What are some ways we can love others like Jesus?

Activity: Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength Challenge

Create 4 stations in your living room, each with a unique activity to help us understand how we can love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

- **Heart Station:** Draw or write on a heart-shaped piece of paper what you love most about God.
- **Soul Station:** Sit quietly, close your eyes, and take turns praying out loud or silently thanking God for who He is.
- **Mind Station:** Play a quick Bible trivia game or recite a few Scripture verses you have memorized.
- **Strength Station:** Do a few fun exercises (jumping jacks, push-ups, jump rope, etc.), then talk about how we can use our bodies to love and serve God.

Week 37:

THE END TIMES AND JESUS' RETURN

Overview

In Mark 13:1-37, Jesus covers a lot of intimidating topics and questions that we are still often asking ourselves today! There was a difference between the things the disciples thought they were going to learn and the things Jesus wanted to teach. Initially, the disciples were focused on the beauty of the temple, but Jesus wanted to use this as a moment to distinguish between what is temporary and what is eternal. God's words and our relationship with God will stand the test of time!

Prepare and Meditate

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- **Read:** Mark 13:1-37
- **Memorize:** "But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come." (Mark 13:32-33)

Prepare and Meditate Notes

Discuss

In the ESV translation, there are a few phrases that are repeated throughout the passage. Go through and identify them (hint: “Be on guard” and “Stay awake”). Why does Jesus call extra attention to these?

What does it mean to be on guard for the gospel? Scripture implies an active response, not a defensive one that waits.

The disciples thought the temple was a sign of spiritual strength and beauty, and Jesus points out that the only thing that stands the test of time is God’s Word and our relationship with God. Are there things in your life that you give too much emphasis to, and should you be more focused on being a disciple?

What can we do to prepare ourselves for spiritual hardship and testing?

Apply

What are some current challenges that you are facing? How can you shift to a more eternal perspective rather than feeling frustrated or anxious about them?

Write out some intentional ways that you can “stay awake” to God’s everyday involvement in your life.

FAMILY ACTIVITY

Family Activity: “The Stay Awake Challenge”

- **Theme:** Staying awake and on guard—living ready for Jesus every day.

Discuss

- Why do you think Jesus tells His followers to stay awake?
- What does it mean to “be on guard” in your everyday life?
- How can we be ready for Jesus’ return?

Flashlight Hide & Seek

What You Need: A flashlight and a small object to hide (like a cross, Bible, or small toy)

How to Play:

- Choose one person to hide the object somewhere in a darkened room while everyone else closes their eyes (or waits in another room).
- Once it’s hidden, turn off the lights and give one person the flashlight.
- The person with the flashlight has 2 minutes to find the object. Everyone else can give helpful clues—but only if the searcher asks the right questions!
- Play several rounds with different people hiding and seeking.

After the Game, Ask:

- How did you stay alert during the game?
- What would’ve happened if you stopped paying attention?
- How does this compare to what Jesus teaches us in Mark 13?

Prayer Prompt:

- “Jesus, help us to stay awake and ready—not just with our eyes, but with our hearts. Show us how to follow You every day and be on guard against distractions. We want to live like you could return at any moment.”

This Week’s Challenge:

Each day, ask this question:

- “How can I live ready for Jesus today?”
- Write one way as a family and post it on the fridge or a family chalkboard.

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