

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 10-16-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** What events in your lifetime happened and have been seared into your memory because it was a sudden and surprising event?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 17:11-37

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Read Luke 17:20-37 together and pay attention to "the days of the Son of Man." Name at least 5 things Jesus says about these days.
2. How do you feel about these days being sudden and surprising?
3. Look at Isaiah 13:6-9. "The day of the Lord" from Isaiah and the "days of the Son of Man" are the same days. Personalize the details of Isaiah's description. Who are the people being spoken about here?
4. In light of the details Jesus gives us here in Luke, and what Isaiah spoke of, what should be the response of an unbeliever? A believer?
5. What will the moment be like when Christ comes down from heaven to receive believers to Himself according to 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18?
6. What type of hope is given in 1 John 3:2 for the born again believers?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?