

Gospel of Mark
What to do about the Apocalypse
For the week of **March 26, 2017**

Apply today's message throughout the week by utilizing this Growth Guide individually, with your family, or in your group.

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GOAL: This week we take a look at the different caution flags to wave about the end times from Mark 13.

GET GOING:

1. We've all seen movies or read books about the apocalypse. Growing up, what was your perception of the end of the world?
2. Pastor Ron shared several aspects of divine responsibility. Which one do you do well at? Which one do you need to improve at?
3. This weekend we learned that we, as Christians, need to be prepared for the day of accountability. Look up 2 Corinthians 5:10 and Romans 14:12. What do these verses teach us? How are we, as Christians, supposed to respond to this teaching?

BONUS THOUGHT:

The word "apocalypse" comes from the Greek word *apokalypsis* which literally means "revelation" or "disclosure." It's actually the title in the original language of the Book of Revelation.

KEEP GROWING

4. Read Mark 13:28-31. In this passage, Jesus teaches on the timing of the apocalypse by using a fig tree as an illustration.

- What do you think Jesus meant by this teaching in relation to the rest of the chapter?
- In verse 29, Jesus says, "when you see these things take place." To what "things" is He referring?
- Read verse 31 again and take a few minutes to reflect on it. What significance does this verse have in your life?

5. Whether we pass away before Jesus returns or Jesus returns while we are still living in this present time... one day we will stand before His throne. If we put our faith in Jesus, we can rest assured that our eternal destiny will be with God. Are you sure of your salvation? What, if any, doubts do you have or struggle with? What would you say to someone who is unsure of his or her salvation?

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Easter at Highpoint Prayer Card

Think of three people in your life who either don't know God or don't come to church. Write down their names on the Easter at Highpoint Prayer Card and turn it in as we would love to pray for you. Then, use an invite card to invite them to one of our Easter services at Highpoint.

Be sure to read Mark 14 in preparation for next week's message!

