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Week 4 – The Voice of Jesus (Part 2)

Introduction:

Key Scripture – Notes and Personal Application:

Matthew 24:21-37

Genesis 6:5-8

Romans 1:18, 24

The Big Idea:

If you are a new creation, you have a new heart! Those who trust in Christ will not be among those whose hearts are ONLY evil ALL the time. And “anyone who calls up on the name of the Lord” will be rescued from this judgment of self-absorption and self-destruction (Romans 1:18-24).

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. Share your thoughts about our current series, *Kingdom Come*. What are some things God is showing you? What are some questions being raised in your mind that you are still seeking answers for? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. Whether or not you have some differences of opinion with Pastor Jeremy's perspective on Biblical prophecy, why is it important that followers of Jesus live with a heart of joyous anticipation for His return? Why do you think so few Christians (at least in America) seem to prioritize this yearning as a focus of life?

3. Do you personally believe that we are living in the "last of the last" days? What Scriptural basis do you point to in supporting that belief? Discuss...

4. In Matthew 24, Jesus seems to answer the questions of His disciples by predicting something that would happen relatively soon from their perspective (the A.D. 70 destruction of Jerusalem – verses 4-8) as well as things that were far off into the future (the abomination of desolation, cosmic signs in the heavens, the Second Coming, etc. – verses 9 and following).

- If the prediction about the fall of the Temple was fulfilled so precisely and literally in A.D. 70, what does this suggest about the way we should interpret the remainder of His predictions?
- Jesus promises that His Second Coming will be an event that nobody on the earth at that time will be able to miss (Matthew 24:27-31). Do you ever spend time imagining exactly what this event might look like? Share your thoughts with the group...
- In a couple of weeks, we will discuss a word used in the NT that is translated "raptured" in Latin and "caught up" in English. Some see this as a unique phase of the Second Coming, whereas others see it as one simultaneous event. Do you have any opinions about this? Share...

Promptings:

5. For many who evacuated recently due to the fires, they were faced with last-minute decisions on what items were most valuable to take with them. If you knew that Jesus Christ was coming back tomorrow tonight, how would you prioritize your final hours on planet earth? Why do we often not live that way every day? Discuss...