
What In the World is God Doing?

World Outreach Church
Sermon Discussion Guide
From Service of 9:30am Sunday September 13th 2020

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Here's what's happening this week.

- Wednesday Evening Service (September 16) at 6:00pm
- Saturday Evening Service (September 19) at 6:00pm
- Mac Powell will join us during worship Saturday. Following the service, there will be a worship concert by Mac Powell and Danny Gokey.
- Food trucks will be on campus (Saturday ONLY).
- Sunday Morning Service (September 20) at 9:30am.
- Join us inside! Three Crosses, New Harvest, and All Nations sanctuaries will be open Sunday morning. If you're more comfortable outdoors, seating is available or bring your own chairs. The outside screens will be on for the entire service.
- Children's Ministry will be open Sunday morning for children birth-6th grade.
- Next Chapter Bookstore resources are available under the portico, and also guest artist products.
- Get registered to vote at govotetn.com or at The Next Chapter on weekend.
- There will be NO Sunday Evening Service (September 20)
- For the latest service updates, continue to check this page or our Facebook page.

The Lord is doing Much in this season. Although wickedness is on the rise it pales in comparison to what Jesus is doing! We cannot afford to be distracted by our own agendas and miss God opportunities.

Instructions Given by Jesus

Matthew 24:42-44 (NIV®)

⁴² "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

1. What are the instructions Jesus gives us? Why do you believe He had to stop and say "understand this"? To what extent (1-10) do you believe you are "staying ready? Name one way you can move in the direction He is instructing us to go.

I. Historic Changes (Joel 2:23-24)

Acts 2:14-17 (NIV®)

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ **"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.**

2. What do we learn about the Jesus' initiative regarding the "final act" of this present age?
3. Who is Peter's audience?

In the passage we are reminded that Jesus is Jewish, the disciples Jesus selected were Jewish, 99.9% of Jesus' ministry and teaching was presented to the Jewish people. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was first given in Jerusalem to a Jewish group of believers. The persons who told the Gentiles about Jesus were Jewish. It was a Jewish scholar, Paul, who traveled the Roman world telling the Gentiles about a Jewish Messiah. We need to understand that the Jewish people are an important part of what God is doing today. We are indebted to the Jewish people. Without

them we would have no messiah, no prophets, no scripture and wouldn't know how to worship. There is a deceptive teaching that has been proliferated that God has set them aside...this is false. If this were true we would also have been set aside. We stand with them because we have been grafted in to God's purposes.

B. Scoffers & Skeptics

2 Peter 3:3-4 (NIV®)

³ First of all, you must understand that **in the last days scoffers will come, scoffing and following their own evil desires.** ⁴ They will say, "Where is this 'coming' he promised? Ever since our fathers died, everything goes on as it has since the beginning of creation."

4. There are skeptics that may say, "Day of Pentecost was 2,000 years ago there is no way for us to respond now." How can we make a difference when faced with skepticism?

C. Modern State of Israel

One of the greatest moves of God in recent history is the birth of the modern nation of Israel in 1948. Before this they had no homeland for 2,000 years dispersed throughout many nations. Under enormous persecution they maintained their uniqueness before God. The Spirit of God began to move in new ways throughout the earth also among the Gentiles. These two initiatives have continued in parallel ever since.

Read - Ezekiel 37:9-14 (NIV®)

5. Discuss this prophecy and what God has done and what He is doing.

Luke 21:24 (NIV®)

²⁴ They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

6. For 2,000 years the Jewish people held on to the promise of God that they would be reestablished them in their own nation. Pastor Allen gave us some important dates to remember.
 - ❖ May of 1948, Nation born
 - ❖ June of 1967, Jerusalem liberated
 - ❖ May 24, 2018, USA located Embassy in Jerusalem---coincides with 70th anniversary of Israeli Declaration of Independence.
7. Like the Jewish people who maintained their beliefs through great pressure and persecution we are also called to maintain our beliefs? Discuss the consequences if we do not?

We are witnessing the beginning of a move of the Spirit of God among the Jewish people, a revelation from God. They will recognize Jesus as Messiah. It will not reduce their "Jewishness", it will bring greater alignment with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As this age comes to a conclusion, Jewish Believers will once again be at the forefront of the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

II. In Our Nation ---Crumbling of the Rule of Law

Matthew 24:10-14 (NASB®)

¹⁰ "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

¹¹ "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.

¹² "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

¹³ "But **the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.**

¹⁴ "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

8. What are the seven statements that Jesus tells us will happen before the end of the age? How are we witnessing and experiencing these today? What does Jesus say would be required of us?

III. What to Do? Connectivity, the great opportunity of 21st Century

A. Stay connected to your Bible

9. Are you reading your bible regularly? Are you participating in the Battle Plan?

B. Stay connected to the Holy Spirit, prayer; become a better listener

Revelation 3:6 (NIV)

⁶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

C. Stay connected to God's people, micro/macro. "little platoons"

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV[®])

²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let **us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing**, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

10. Why is Christian community important? How has small group experience helped you as a believer?

Prayer

Heavenly Father I choose life today. I choose to serve God Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth. I believe Jesus of Nazareth is your son and I choose him as Lord of all that I am. I choose God's will for my life. Grant me the wisdom to follow, the humility to yield and the strength to endure. May the fear of the Lord flourish in my heart, in Jesus' name AMEN.