

THE STORY OF GOD:

BEFORE THE END

MATTHEW 24:1-28 — FEB. 28, 2010

What does Jesus say life will be like between now and His return?

Many will be led astray (vv.4-5).

There will be wars, famines, and earthquakes (vv.6-8).

They will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake (v.9).

Philippians 1:29

Acts 14:22

Many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another and many false prophets will arise and lead many astray (vv.10-11).

The love of many will grow cold and cause them not to endure to the end (vv.12-13).

The gospel will be proclaimed to all the people groups — then the end comes (v.14).

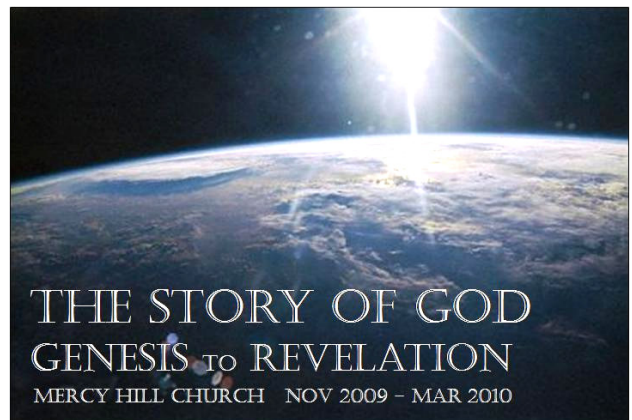
Jerusalem will be destroyed (vv.15-20).

There will be great tribulation (vv.21-22).

False christs and prophets will perform signs and wonders (vv.23-28).

What sort of lives should we expect?

If we follow Jesus into enemy territory, we will suffer, we will have the joy of seeing people come to know Jesus, and we will experience more of Jesus' nearness than we ever thought possible.



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

Before Sunday's teaching, what were your expectations of life on earth?

How did Sunday's teaching affect your expectations?

Are we really supposed to expect suffering, tribulation, betrayal, hatred, and death? *Really?*

How will it affect us if we expect comfort, ease, and prosperity?

How will it affect us if we expect suffering, tribulation, suffering?

What's one way that you can cross enemy lines this week? And remember that without abiding in Jesus' love, we can do nothing (John 15).

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

