



**ALL GROWTH
HAPPENS...**

OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

PART 8: FAITH IN CHAOTIC TIMES

KEY SCRIPTURE

Mark 13:1-23 John 16:33 Hebrews 12:2

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Mark 13:1-2. The disciples were impressed by the magnificence of the temple and pointed it out to Jesus. What do you think they were hoping Jesus would notice? Why would Jesus' response about the temple's destruction have been so shocking?
2. Pastor Chris said, *"We have a tendency to put ultimate hope in temporary things."* What are some temporary things people often place their ultimate hope in? What temporary things are you most tempted to trust in for security, identity, or hope?
3. Read Mark 13:3-8. After hearing Jesus' prediction, the disciples ask about the timing of these events and the signs that will accompany them. In His response, Jesus makes it clear that suffering is not a matter of *if* but *when*. Why is it important for us to understand and expect this reality? How does knowing that suffering is inevitable shape the way we follow Jesus?
4. Read Mark 13:9-11. Jesus tells His disciples that their trials will become opportunities to bear witness to Him. He also promises that the Holy Spirit will equip them in those moments to proclaim the gospel. How have you seen God use a difficult season in your life as an opportunity to display or share your faith? Can you think of a time when God gave you the words, courage, or wisdom you needed in a challenging situation?
5. Read Mark 13:12-23. Jesus describes a time of intense chaos and suffering, yet God's mercy and presence continue to sustain His people through it all. When chaos enters our lives, we can focus either on our circumstances or on our King. Why is that choice so important? What are your eyes most focused on right now?
6. The best time to prepare for future storms is before they arrive. What foundation are you building your life on today? What practices or habits are helping you grow deeper in your trust and dependence on Jesus?

APPLICATION PRAYER

"Lord Jesus, in the midst of my suffering, you are present, you are trustworthy, you are stable, and you invite me not to build my life on temporary things but on you. Thank you for promising to be with me through every difficult moment that I will face, for coming to the earth to suffer with me, and for promising to one day finally and fully end all of the suffering on the earth."