

Opening Question: The notes mention that we are living in really challenging times with a lot of bad news. What are some examples of bad news events or situations you've struggled with lately?

Read: Matthew 24:1-14

Discussion Questions:

- Jesus warns about deception, wars, famines, etc. as signs of the end times. Which of these signs do you see increasing in prevalence today?
- V.9 mentions believers will face tribulation and hatred. How can we prepare ourselves to endure persecution for our faith?
- V.14 says the gospel must be preached to all nations before the end comes. How can we participate in fulfilling the Great Commission?

Read: Matthew 24:32-34, II Timothy 3:1

Discussion Questions:

- The fig tree metaphor refers to Israel becoming a nation again in 1948 as a sign of the end times. What significance do you see in this?
- The notes describe the "last days" as "perilous times." What examples of perilous or dangerous situations do we see increasing today?
- How should we respond to living in these perilous last days? (See suggested responses in the notes)

Final Thoughts: Despite the challenges and perilous nature of our times, we can have hope that Christ's return and our redemption draw near. Let's commit to pray fervently, share the gospel, and stand firm in our faith during these difficult last days.