

Opening Question:

- Why do you think God gives so much advance warning before major events, according to the passage? (God is gracious and patient, wanting people to have a chance to be ready)

Read: Matthew 24:37-39

- What warning does Jesus give about His return?
- What examples does He use to illustrate how some will be caught off guard?
- How can we make sure we don't miss the signs of His coming?

Read: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

- What characteristics of the "last days" does Paul highlight here?
- Why is selfishness/self-love such a dangerous attitude?
- How does self-focus erode our relationships with God and others?

Discuss:

- Read the quotes about Jesus' life being focused on God's will, not His own. How can we cultivate that same attitude?
- Why is serving others the pathway to true joy and peace?
- How can we apply the example of Jesus washing the disciples' feet in our daily lives?

Read: Job 42:10

- What happened when Job prayed for his friends instead of focusing on himself?
- How have you seen God bless an unselfish, servant attitude in your own life or others'?

Closing Challenge: Identify one practical way you can get your mind off yourself and onto serving someone else this week. Commit to following through, and be ready to share how it went next time we meet.