



CURRICULUM GUIDE

Matthew Season 6: Religion to Redemption
Episode 6: Don't Miss The Point
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Fall trimester: 8/17–12/7

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Saturated, September 16-20: Our annual five-day event in which we anticipate a movement of God to bring revival in our lives individually and as a church body. [Click here for campuses and times](#).

Riverside Campus Launch: We're continuing to make room for one more as we officially launch our Riverside campus on Sunday, September 27. [Learn More](#)

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THIS WEEK'S READING PLAN: Download our app for [Apple](#) or [Android](#). Click the "Daily" icon at the bottom of the app for our daily Bible reading plan.

Share Wins, Praises and Prayers: Where did you see God move this week?

Action Step Review: *Last week's action step: Identify one person God has placed in your sphere of influence who may be far from Him. Pray for that person every day this week, then take one intentional step to make it easier for them to move toward Jesus.* How did God answer your prayers? What did you learn about God? About yourself?

Memory Verse: *Matthew 24:44*

The Point: Don't miss the point. Put your faith in JESUS as your savior.

Sermon Text: *Daniel 8:13, 9:27, 11:31, 12:11; Matthew 23:36-39, 24, 25:1-13; Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:6*

Discussion Questions

Leaders: Please use the questions in the curriculum to facilitate discussion of the sermon and the Scriptures. **But there's no need to answer every question.** The goal is to get your group members talking more than you and to get them going deeper. **The answers in parentheses** are simply possible responses you can use after your group has shared their thoughts to help keep the discussion going. They are not intended to be the only or "correct" answers.

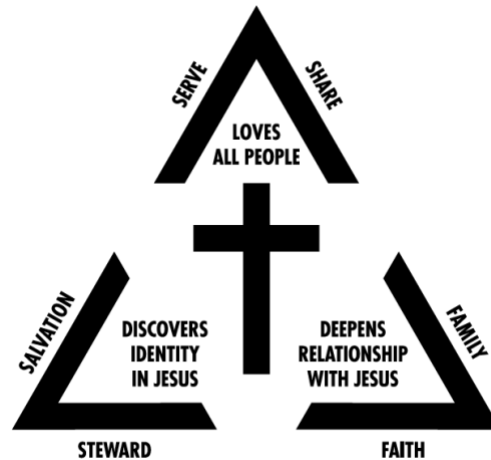
- **Read Matthew 23:36-39, 24, 25:1-13. What stood out to you this week in the sermon, in the Scriptures and what God revealed to you about Himself?**
- **Read Matthew 23:37. What does this reveal about God's character and nature?** *(God still loves the lost and rebellious people who are far from Him. He wants them to repent and turn to Him!)*
- **What could be some of the reasons God doesn't tell us exactly when Jesus is coming back?** *(God wants every generation to live ready for the return of Jesus. Since Pentecost, the Church has lived with the expectation that He could return at any time. God may have intentionally left some details unclear to confuse the enemy, just as the Messiah's resurrection was not fully revealed in the Old Testament. The point is not to figure out every detail but to live ready.)*
- **Discover:** Reference Matthew 24: 3-11. How does this warning still apply to us today?
Deepen: How can you make sure no one leads you astray?
- **Discuss the signs of the end times talked about in the Bible and how they should make Jesus followers feel and respond.** *(For those who are saved, Bible passages about the end times should bring comfort, not fear, because we know Jesus wins!)*
- **Who are the "elect"?** *(Theologians have vigorous debates about predestination and free will. But what we can rest in is the elect include anyone who has put their faith in JESUS! He chose YOU, so receive it!)*
- **How can you be sure Jesus is coming back?** *(You can be confident because Jesus predicted and fulfilled His own death on the cross and resurrection. He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the coming Messiah. If Jesus has fulfilled all of that, you can trust His promise that He will return.)*
- **Read Matthew 24:37-39. What are the parallels between the Days of Noah and Jesus' return?** *(Before the flood, there was a promise, a rescuer, an invitation, then the judgement and the door was closed. Jesus has made a promise, a way of salvation, we are in the season of invitation, and then judgement will come and the door will be closed. Jesus has made a way for us to be saved—the gospel. Right now, we are in the season of invitation. The invitation is open to everyone: repent, believe, and follow Jesus. But one day, Jesus will return. Then comes the end and judgment. The season of invitation will be over.)*
- **Discover:** Read Matthew 25:1-13. Discuss this parable. *(Jesus' message is clear: repent, because the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Jesus is the groom, the Church is His bride, and He is coming back. Your faith cannot save someone else. The line into the kingdom is single file. Don't wait until it's too late. The good news is you don't have to buy the oil. Salvation is a free gift offered to you right now. Receive it.)*
Deepen: The foolish virgins waited until it was too late. What is something you know God is calling you to do that you keep putting off?
- **What should you do as the second coming approaches?** *(Don't waste your life. Get saved and reach your one more with urgency. Wake up to the realities of heaven and hell. Don't spend the majority of your time, money, and affection on what is temporary. Live for what is eternal.)*

Action Step: Write down the name of your "one more," pray for them daily and invite them to Saturday.

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