

Get Ready

Get ready for _____ (13:14-23)

- _____ when you see the abomination of desolation.
- Trust the _____
- Do not be _____ by miracle workers who claim to be from God.
- _____ and be prepared.

Get ready for _____ (13:24-27)

- _____ will follow terrestrial trouble.
- _____ in the clouds with power and glory.
- The angels will _____ from all over the world.

Personal observations from the message.

1. How would you summarize what you learned in a sentence or two?
2. What point or verse did you find most helpful? Why?
3. What is a question you have?

Discussion questions from the message.

1. What is the worst kind of personal trouble you can imagine experiencing? What makes this so scary?
2. Read Mark 13:14-18. What is an “abomination of desolation”? What does 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 indicate will likely be this abomination? What does 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7 say is keeping this from happening now? Who is “he who restrains”?
3. What does Jesus tell us to do in response to this in Mark 13:15-17? Why? (see 13:19-20) What does this reveal to us about the current ministry of “he who now restrains”?
4. Why does the Lord cut short the days of tribulation? Who are the elect? How are they described in verse 20? Why must God work in such a specific way to save people (see Ephesians 2:1-3). What must be our response to be saved (see Ephesians 2:8-9). Why must we hold these together: the truth that the elect are chosen by God and the truth that whoever wants to believe can come to Christ.
5. Read verses 21-23. What will make the false christs and false prophets so convincing? What will keep us from being lead astray – from believing that their miracles are from God?
6. Read Mark 13:22-27. What will happen after the tribulation? What does this cosmic chaos communicate? How is Jesus going to return? What will he do for His elect?
7. What should be our response to all this? How should these glimpses of what is to come impact how we live today?
8. From what Pastor Steve shared on Sunday morning, what encourages you about what we see God doing at East Side? How can we play a strategic role in what God has ahead of us as a church?