SG Discussion Questions

for Personal Study and Small Groups 2/2/14

Live Ready! Matt. 24.1-31

Purpose of SG: to foster in its members the biblical values of worship (God), discipleship (church), and outreach (lost).

2013/2014 Annual Focus: Drawing Near to the Good and Mighty King.

Announcements: (1) Gathering for Prayer 2/9 and (2) Entermissions 2/21-2/23.

SG Discussion Questions:

Focus: on helping us live ready for Christ's coming by resisting the signs of false teachers and by keeping our love from growing cold amidst coming suffering.

Read Matt. 24.1-14. Discuss what the "signs" are that Jesus mentions point to the end of the age and how are we to respond to them? What seem to be Jesus' greatest concerns in this section?

Read 24.15-22. How does this correspond to the actual destruction of the temple in 70 AD. What may point to a further fulfillment beyond that in Christ's ultimate return? Discuss how the idea of a scale model fits this connection.

Read 24.23-27. What kind of false teaching about the end of the age is mentioned in this passage (1-31)? What false teaching/emphasis have you encountered concerning teaching about the end times?

Read 24.29-31. What hope is held out for those who believe in this passage (trace mentions of the "elect")?

What would you say are Jesus' greatest concerns for his people in light of his coming? How can you best align your life to protect against those concerns?