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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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## Small Group Questions — The Week of August 8, 2021

**Sermon Overview:** Many Christians approach the return of Jesus Christ with either anxiety or apathy. In Mark 13, Jesus graciously leads in a different direction, allowing us to anticipate the return of Jesus Christ by preparing us well for that great day. Jesus prepares us for His return by equipping us for tribulation (vv. 1-23), explaining to us His nearness (vv. 24-33), and entrusting us with His work (vv. 34-37).

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 13:1-37

1. What thoughts and emotions do you have when you think of the return of Jesus Christ?
2. Read Mark 13:6-9. Why is it reassuring to know that the age of tribulation is supposed to include these “birth pains?”
3. Read Mark 13:10 and 2 Peter 3:9. Why has God allowed the age of tribulation to last such a long time?
4. Read Mark 13:24-26. What are some of the signs of Jesus return?
5. Read Mark 13:31. What does Jesus tell us about the reliability of His words? How does this promise help us trust Him when the blessing of His return feels so distant?
6. Read Mark 13:34. What should we be doing as we wait for Jesus to return?