

Five Stones Church

Sermon Study

Keep Scripture Relevant with Study Guides



Be Intentional

Before you start your study time, make sure you create an environment for Holy Spirit revelation.

Study Group

You can discuss difficult questions or topics with your small group or study partners.



Note-Taking

Take notes in an organized style to help you understand the subject more clearly. Take notes on Sunday

Become Equipped

Challenge yourself to memorize Scripture and key points from Sunday's sermon



Opening Prayer:

Invite Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind for pressing deeper into the Word and it's revelations for your life.

Anchor Scripture:

Mark 13:1-2 (NKJV) –

“Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, ‘Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!’ And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down.’”

Sermon Study Guide Mark 13:1-2
Jesus Predicts the Destruction of the Temple

**Introduction to Prophecy and
Eternal Perspective**

Prophecies reveal God's sovereignty and eternal nature, and we often witness these "seeds of future truth" when they blossom to affirm His plan.

Jesus' prophecy here about the destruction of the Temple demonstrates the contrast between the earthly and the eternal.

Reflective Question:

What personal goals or achievements may need reevaluation in light of eternity?

Pastor Scott Quote:

Prophecies are like seeds of future truth planted, that once blossomed, reveal Jesus' divinity.

Building Faith through Prophecy

Scripture Insight:

Prophecy strengthens our faith in God's unchanging word. Jesus consistently pointed to a future beyond what His followers could see, instilling a hope anchored in His eternal Kingdom.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does prophecy impact your faith in God's promises?
2. Have you seen God fulfill promises in your life, and how did it change your perspective?

Action Item:

Write down a promise or prophecy from Scripture that resonates with you and pray for God's guidance in that area of your life this week.

Gaining an Eternal Perspective

Scripture Reference:

Colossians 3:1-2 (NKJV) – “Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

Application:

Like putting on 'God Goggles,' we are called to look beyond what we see in this world.

The disciples were impressed by the Temple, but Jesus taught them to look to an eternal Kingdom.

Reflection:

Are there areas of your life where you focus more on the temporary than the eternal?

Action Item:

Identify one area where you're overly focused on the present world and commit to redirecting that focus to a heavenly perspective.

Developing the Character to Carry God's Calling

Application of Jesus' Journey:

Jesus carried the weight of His calling, even when it meant embracing suffering. This passage encourages believers to cultivate a character that can carry God's calling without being crushed.

Questions for Reflection:

1. How does developing godly character help us sustain our faith during challenges?
2. What is one trait you believe God is asking you to grow in to fulfill His purpose?

Action Item:

List three ways you can actively pursue spiritual growth and character-building this week.

Seeing through the Lens of Faith – The Eternal Temple

Historical Context:

The Temple was a marvel of human achievement, but Jesus knew it would crumble. He invites us to see beyond physical structures to God's enduring Kingdom.

Scripture Reference:

Revelation 21:1-2 – A vision of the New Jerusalem reveals an eternal “Temple” that no human can destroy.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Why do we often place value on temporary things?
2. How would viewing your life from God's eternal perspective change your daily actions?

Action Item:

Pray for God to reveal His eternal purpose in one specific area of your life.

Renewing Our Minds and Perspective

Scripture Insight:

Jesus teaches us to “see” in a new way, discerning the spiritual significance in every aspect of life.

Reflection on Greek Words:

Blepō (see, discern) and oikodomē (spiritual structure) encourage us to guard against focusing on man-made achievements and instead, to perceive God’s work.

Questions for Reflection:

1. What does it mean to have a “renewed mind” in your current circumstances?
2. How can you actively guard your mind against temporary distractions?

Action Item:

Practice “renewing your mind” by setting aside time daily to read Scripture and meditate on God’s promises.

Sharing and Living the Eternal Perspective

Call to Action:

Jesus' teachings prepare us to share the Gospel and live with a Kingdom-centered perspective.

Scripture Reference:

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV) - The Great Commission calls us to disciple others, sharing God's Kingdom perspective.

Questions for Reflection:

1. Who in your life might benefit from an encouraging reminder of God's eternal promises?
2. How can you share this message with them this week?

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, Thank You for the eternal truths in Your Word and for the reminder to see life through Your perspective. Open our hearts to understand the deeper purposes You have for us beyond what we can see.

Next Steps:

1. **Seek a Godly Perspective Daily:** Each morning, spend a few minutes in prayer and Scripture, asking God to help you view the day through His eyes.
2. **Share God's Kingdom Perspective with Someone:** Choose one person this week—Aim to encourage them to see beyond the present and find hope in God's promises.

