

**Message Study Guide**

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on [thorncreek.church/live](http://thorncreek.church/live))

**Warming up**

1. What's happening in the news that has your attention?
  - How often do you see the news?
  - How has the news impacted your decision making?
  - How has the news impacted your spiritual decisions?

**Digging Deeper & Application**

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Read Matthew 24:1-14.
  - What jumps out at you and why?
  - What are the two questions that Jesus is asked?
3. Read the Parable of the Fig Tree at Matthew 24:32-35.
  - What is the point of this parable?
4. What does Colossians 3:1-3, mean to you?
  - Do you think God would say your mind is set on things above or earthly things?
  - Do your weekly decisions reflect that your mind is set on heaven?
  - Why or why not?
5. Pastor Ruben talked about "Gaps" in the message. The disciples saw what was in front of them, but they couldn't see who was in front of them. They were more enamored with the building and less enamored with who was walking with him. There's all kinds of gaps that we can be guilty of. Some people believe you can be a good person without knowing God. Some people have a gap between how they treat others and the love of God. Some christians have a gap between their faith and taking action. Can you think of any other gaps?
6. God wants us to love Him more than we love the world.
  - What does 1 John 2:15-17 say about loving the world?
  - Explain the three different lusts that's described in this passage.

7. Connect these passages with the three lusts from 1 John 2.
  - Please read Romans 13:13-14; Proverbs 16:18; and Proverbs 27:20.
  - Talk about them.
  
8. Read Mathew 24:36-41. What does it mean?
  
9. What do these passages mean to you?
  - John 14:1-3; 1 Chronicles 29:15
  - Philippians 3:20
  - Acts 11: 28-30
  
10. What are your thoughts from this quote from N.T. Wright, "Don't ask the question 'why' is God doing this. In the New Testament, the correct question is 'what' does God want to do in and through it, and "what" does He want to do through you."

### **Application**

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- You can be enamored with the wrong thing
  
- Don't lust over the world
  
- Live with an expectation
  
- Don't Panic!
  
- Your faith will need legs