

The Mongolian Message

Study Guide

Some initial questions

Why do you think so many Christians get caught up in predicting Jesus' return?

Do you know someone who takes this speculation too far?

How about someone who has a healthy perspective?

Read Matthew 24:1–13 *The Signs of the End Times*

Which signs do you think are most prevalent today?

Do you think they are more prevalent than in previous generations?

Reaching those who haven't heard

Do you know someone who is helping to reach unreached or unengaged ethnic groups?

Is your church helping to spread the Gospel to any of these groups? If so, how?

If not, why do you think they are not actively helping fulfill Matthew 28:19, to make disciples of all nations?

How can you be an advocate for reaching the unreached and the unengaged?

How to best reach them

Do you mainly learn academically or orally/visually?

Can you think of some creative ways for believers from the Western world (who mainly learn academically) to share the Gospel with other ethnic groups?

Read Matthew 24:14 *The Most Important Sign*

Do you think that all ethnic groups must have a Christian witness at the same time, or just at some point in time?

Do you think this verse will be fulfilled in your lifetime? Why or why not?

Life Application

Read Matthew 25:1–13 *The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids*

Cultural context is crucial when reading the Bible; it is far too often neglected and overlooked. Why do you think most Christians fail to consider cultural context?

How can you be more ready for the Lord's return than you are now?

How can you help other believers be more ready?

Read Matthew 25:14–30 *The Parable of the Talents*

God expects every single believer to take action and produce fruit for His glory. What excuses might a believer have for not using the talents God has given them?

What talents has God given you that you are using for His glory?

In what ways are you still holding back? Why?

Read Matthew 25:31–46 *The Lesson of the Sheep and the Goats*

We are not saved by good works, but for good works (Ephesians 2:8–10). These six practical actions mentioned in Matthew demonstrate that God's love is in your heart and is overflowing to others. Which of these are you drawn to?

Which do you struggle with?

What is a practical step you can take to do at least one of them better?

Read Matthew 28:19–20 *The Great Commission*

Hudson Taylor, a nineteenth-century missionary to China, once said, "The Great Commission is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed." One day, Matthew 24:14 and then Revelation 7:9 will come to pass. Until then, I encourage you to find a way to be directly involved in getting the name of Jesus spread to all ethnic groups.

Pray and ask God what specific action(s) He would have you take as a result of this message—a message meant to remind us of our calling as followers of Christ.