



## **“The Good News of the End of the World”**

November 28

### **Discussion Questions**

1. How is the end of the world portrayed in our popular culture? In what ways is it different to how you think of it, and how Scripture portrays it?
2. How could the world coming to an end one day be good news? In what ways might the rich and the poor and the healthy and the sick react differently to the news that the world will end one day?
3. Do you agree that Jesus warned the disciples about the coming end of the world as a comfort? Why or why not?
4. If God’s plan has never been to insulate people from suffering, but rather to walk with people through suffering, how does that impact how we wait for the end of the world?
5. In what practical ways could you practice hopeful waiting this Advent season?

## Luke 21: 25-36

<sup>25</sup> 'There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup> 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'