

# PILGRIM HOME GROUPS

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The smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other.

## HOME CHURCH/SMALL GROUP/CLASS GUIDE

- + “Breaking the Ice” question (group facilitator)
- + **CHECK-INS:** Introduce yourself if new/new people in group, check-in with each other. What’s been happening in your week(s) since we last met?
- + **CARE:** Needs in the group; name these needs and have sentence prayers (just short sentences/open ended, not long-winded) at end of the gathering time
- + **COMPASSION:** What compassion work is the group planning? Are you inviting your neighbors to join in?
- + **GROUP ANNOUNCEMENTS** (church-wide and group-only)
- + **DIG IN:** Any reflections, discernments, disagreements from last week’s teaching (or since you last met)? Look at the Bible passage(s) again and read some of them out loud in the group (and other verses that may have been mentioned). What jumps out at you? Discuss some of the questions as a group.
- + End and Homework: Final questions, prayer huddles for personal requests. Consider breaking into small groups (huddles) of 2-4, by gender, if large enough.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What have you been taught about the second coming of Christ?
  
2. Luke believes in the second coming of Christ, however NT Wright argues that this passage is about Jesus going towards heavens not the earth. Jesus’ enthronement in heaven is his vindication and now Jerusalem and the temple were under judgment for wandering so far away from God’s original calling. What do you think of the idea of God’s judgment starting with dysfunctional and toxic structures we build first?
  
3. While the destruction of the temple has long past, what do verses 20-33 tell us about living in a world which, like Jerusalem, often refuses Jesus’ message?
  
4. In verses 34-36, how does Jesus say his followers are to live while they wait for the great crisis, the destruction of Jerusalem? (And for us possibly the return of the King, Jesus)?
  
5. Followers of Jesus today are also in a waiting time. In our day-to-day lives, what can make following Jesus a wearying and difficult path?
  
6. “The life of faith, at times, is not an exciting battle with adrenaline flowing and banners flying but the steady tread of prayer, hope, Scripture, worship and witness, day by day and week by week. What can we do to help each other live by patience in these times?

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

# RETURN OF THE KING

## Preparing for the End of the World

### MAIN IDEA:

**NAB STATEMENT:** We believe God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring all things to their appropriate end and establish the new heaven and the new earth (Ephesians 1:9-10, Revelation 21:1).

### Hearing God through the Text

25-28

29-31

32-33

34-36

### TAKE OUT: