



Session 2

Should we know?

I. Review

A. Transitional Generations

B. Can we know if we are in the last generation?

C. Last session:

- a. What Jesus didn't say
 - (1) He didn't say no one would ever know
 - (2) He did not say that we cannot and will not know the day and hour in the future, or that we will not know the season or the conditions surrounding His second coming.
- b. What Jesus did say
 - (1) Mt 24:25 See! I have told you before hand...

II. 2nd Question - Should we know if we are in the last generation?

A. Didn't Jesus tell His disciples they shouldn't be concerned about the times and seasons of His return?

1. Acts 1:7 "It's not for you to know the times or the season the Father has set by His own authority but you shall be my witnesses..."

B. Context

1. Acts 1:3 – 40 days of teaching on the Kingdom of God
 - a. Reminding them of what He had said regarding the Kingdom of God and His return and rule and reign.
 - b. There were still the promises to be fulfilled
 - (1) Lk 22:28-30 Thrones to judge Israel
 - c. They knew He was going away for some time.
 - (1) Lk 19:11f Parable of the Minas
 - (2) Jn 14 Do not be troubled
 - d. Mt 24-25 – They knew there was much trouble yet to come

C. What did He say?

1. Acts 1:6-7
2. Disciples asked about His restoring the Kingdom to Israel at that time?
3. What were they asking?

- a. Sovereignty of Israel – they had not been a sovereign nation since Babylon
- 4. Luke 24:46-47 – Was Israel going to become the light they were meant to be?
 - a. Starting in Jerusalem
 - b. Mt 13:31-33 Parable of the mustard seed – Kingdom will grow
- 5. What was His answer to that question?
 - a. It's not for you know the times nor the seasons for this event – what event?
 - b. The establishment of Israeli sovereignty over the land
 - (1) The Land - 1948
 - (2) Jerusalem - 1967
 - (3) Temple Mount - Future

D. What didn't He say?

- 1. He didn't say that they weren't supposed to know the times or the seasons of His return.

III. Question of accountability

A. If we can know, how important is it that we do know? Should we know?

B. What did Jesus say about this?

- 1. Mt 16:1-4 Pharisee's reprimanded
- 2. Lk 19:41 Because you did not recognize the time of your visitation...
- 3. Lk 21:20 When you see, then you must...
- 4. Mk 13:23 Be on your guard! I have told you beforehand...
- 5. Noah – the preacher of righteousness (2 Pet 2:5)
- 6. Lk 21:34 – Watch yourselves lest your heart be weighed down...

C. What about the Thief?

- 1. John 10:10 Jesus' definition of a thief – steal, kill and destroy
- 2. Mt 24:42-44 The thief causes loss against those who are not watching for him
- 3. I Thess 5:2-5 Day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night... but you are not to be surprised by that Day.
- 4. Rev 3:3 If you will not repent and wake up I will come like a thief against you
- 5. Rev 16:15 I'm coming like a thief, Blessed is the one who stays awake...

IV. Responsibility of leaders

A. Mt 24:45-51 – giving the people their food in due season

B. Lk 12:35-48

- 1. Those who should know but take advantage of His delay
- 2. Those who should know but ignore it
- 3. Those who don't know
- 4. Those who are watching and waiting

C. Dream: June 6, 2012

- 1. Meeting of the church – topic of Jesus' Return is one that no one wants to talk about
- 2. Walking in the sunshine – but a storm is coming – yet distant
- 3. It becomes obviously close quickly and I give a warning and run for safety

4. The others except one, keep walking as if they hardly believe it.
 5. The one runs, but is hampered by her shoes
 6. I shout out a warning again, and finally the others see and start running in panic, but is it too late?
 7. I arrive, but see my youngest as a child and need to tell him to lay aside what he's lost and come into safety. He has to obey, I can't make him
 8. Once inside, everyone's back is turned to me. Mostly men. Calling in the alarm.
- D. Behold the Storm of Yahweh! Jer 23:16-22
1. Prophets who do not stand in His counsel give false security to those who do not want to hear His Word – those who despise His Word.
 2. Behold the Storm of Yahweh! It comes upon the head of the guilty. A whirlwind.
 3. You will understand perfectly in the latter days.
- E. Why should we know?
1. To be prepared – our hearts need to be prepared for the crisis of His coming.
 - a. We do this through coming to know Him more.
 - b. This takes time. In the time of crisis, there is no longer time to develop the deep roots of knowing Him.
 - c. Jesus & Paul both spoke of the great falling away
 - (1) Because they have not learned of Jesus as the one who brings true justice to the earth, many will not recognize the activity of Jesus and will turn from Him during the crisis at the end of the age.
 - (2) We fall back to what we know in the moment of crisis
 2. We want our hearts to be prepared to the greatest extent that we can. We want to know Jesus in every facet that our weak frame can handle.
 3. We want to be like the wise virgins who had cultivated a life of intimacy with Jesus so that when He came, they had the depth of knowing Him required to enter into what He was doing. It was the unwise to whom He responded: "I don't know you."