

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of June 16-22, 2024
"THE WAR OF GOG & MAGOG"

GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

How would you rank your level of busyness? Do you wish to be more busy? Or less busy? Why?

GROUP DISCUSSION

Read Ezekiel 38.

1. What does the gathering of nations against Israel reveal about God's control over global events? What aspects of God's words strike you most and how does it challenge your view of who he is?
2. According to the passage, what are some of the reasons for Gog's invasion? Are these motivations economic or strategic only? In what ways can some people's desires lead down the wrong path?
3. The passage emphasizes God's intimate knowledge of Gog's plans (v.10). Do you believe God is aware of the details of your life? How should this awareness impact your decision-making as a Christian?
4. God repeatedly declares that "They shall know that I am the Lord their God." Why is this important for us to understand? How should a Christian reorient his/her life with the goal of glorifying God? How can you ensure your actions and choices reflect this relationship with God?
5. What do you think is God's purpose in allowing Gog to attack Israel? What do you understand about God's discipline? Does it scare you? What does the author of Hebrew say (cf Hebrews 12:5-9)?
6. Ezekiel 39:11-14 describes a massive defeat and cleanup effort. How does this emphasize the thoroughness of God's judgment? Does this portrayal challenge your ideas of God's mercy? How does God's judgment on Gog and his armies influence your understanding of God's justice and sovereignty, of hope for the future and trust in his promises?

7. What are your thoughts about Gog and his co-conspirators in relation to the current days? Do you think you will live to see this war happen in your lifetime? If so, how do you prepare for such things?

NEXT STEPS

It is not so much about whether or not you plan, but whether or not you are involved with God in the day to day and week to week that makes up your life.

- I will remind myself that I can trust God for my worries and concerns.
- I will seek to glorify God in my life.
- I will trust in God's promises and in his faithfulness.
- I will trust that God's plans and purposes are good.

Don't forget to:

- Go through the devotionals every day this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.

CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for a heart of preparedness and faith to live for Christ in these "last days."
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who's going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

BIBLE READING GUIDE

June 17 Ezekiel 38
June 18 Micah 6:1-6
June 19 Deuteronomy 33:1-12
June 20 Ezekiel 39
June 21 Genesis 15:1-21
June 22 Psalms 12:1-8
June 23 1 Samuel 20:30-34