

Parish Church of **St. Barnabas, Swanland** *Sharing Christ through friendship*  
 Group notes w/beg. Sun. **17/11/13**. Bible texts: Luke 21:5-19 or to 36, 2 Thess 2:1-12  
*On the journey with Jesus: Jesus teaches about the end times*

<b>Welcome</b>	What do we find worrying about the future?
<b>Worship ideas</b>	<i>Worship suggestions: Own Choice</i>
<b>Word (refs.↓)</b>	<i>NB Check the church website <a href="http://www.stbchurch.org.uk">www.stbchurch.org.uk</a> (click on the 'downloads' tab) for Sunday's sermon. Some suggestions for discussion here – you might prefer to focus on just 2 or 3 questions</i>
<b><u>Read</u></b> Luke 21.5-36  Also have a finger in Matthew 24	<p>Jesus teaches his disciples in response to two specific questions:          1) When would the temple be destroyed; and          2) What will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?</p> <p>The disciples could not envisage the temple could be destroyed without the age coming to an end. This is because the temple was where God and his people met. Is there any part of church life which you could not envisage living without? Is there anything in your faith which is “put into context” by Jesus statement about the destruction of the outward signs of religion?</p> <p>v8 Jesus warns his disciples not to be deceived? Have you ever been misled by some false teaching? How can we discern whether teaching is true or false?</p> <p>2 Thess 2:8 Consider the power of Jesus in disposing of the man of lawlessness. Do we ever underestimate the power of Jesus?</p> <p>vv 9-17 What do we see happening in the world today which are included in the verses? What affect does that have on us – are we afraid?</p> <p>vv 18 &amp; 19 How we save ourselves when Jesus has already achieved our salvation for us on the cross? Do these verses give us comfort in the face of adversity?</p> <p>vv 34-36 As we wait for Jesus' return what does he warn us against? How much are we diverted by the things of the world? How can we always be on watch?</p>
<b>If time read Matthew 24:14</b>	Jesus answers the question about the end of the age. What needs to happen first? How much of our time and energy is on preaching the gospel of the kingdom in the whole world as a testament to all nations? How can we be involved from Swanland?
<b><u>Witness</u></b>	<p><b><u>Pray</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ For yourselves / ourselves, 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” (v36)</li> <li>❖ For those you know who are preaching the gospel of the kingdom in the whole world</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Plan</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ To become involved somehow in furthering the spreading of the gospel of the kingdom</li> </ul>