THE UNCONVENTIONAL SERIES:
A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF LUKE

WEEK TWENTY: LUKE 21
UNCONVENTIONAL MESSAGE

1. The point isn't just _____ you do:

   it's _____you do it

2. The point isn't just to _____:

   it's to get _____

3. The point isn't just to _____:

   it's to know for _____

4. The point isn't just to _____:

   it's to make _____

HOMEWORK

DAY 1 - NOTHING LEFT OVER

A little over a month is left in our study. I hope you are enjoying your time with the Lord. There is nothing like a Jesus focus in life and study to help you gain perspective on your life. What are the top 3 lessons God is driving home for you this year? How is your quiet time going? Are you being faithful in it?

This week our chapter is Luke 21.

Read vs.1-4

1. What did Jesus commend the widow for?

2. Does it matter how much you give or is it more important how much you sacrifice?

3. Think about your worship in giving. Do you tend to give out of your abundance only? What does that mean?

4. It says in vs.4 she put in all that she had. Why? How much faith does that show?

5. Are you willing to put in all you have to live on for God? Does that make you afraid? Why?

6. What's the greatest sacrifice you have ever made for the Lord?

The test of abandonment is in refusing to say "well what about this?". Abandonment means to refuse yourself the luxury of asking any questions. O.Chambers

7. What’s the greatest sacrifice he’s ever made for you?

8. Write down your reflections and any changes you may need to make in this area.

Faith is not conjuring up through an act of the will a sense of certainty that something is going to happen. No. It is recognizing God's promise as actual fact, then simply resting because God said it.

DAY 2 - MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Read vs.5-9.

1. In vs.5, what impressed the people?

2. How long will those superficial things last according to vs.6?

3. Why are people so concerned with knowing the times of the kingdom?

4. What can easily lead us astray according to today's reading?

5. In vs.9, what does Jesus instruct?

6. What is he talking about when he says "things that must first take place"?

So many of us pray for more faith, when it is not more faith we want. What we want is for our faith to be turned to sight.

DAY 3 - IN IT TO WIN IT

Read vs.10-18

1. What are some signs of the end times?

2. Focus on vs.12. What can you be certain of?

3. When you are persecuted, what should your goal be?

4. Have you ever been persecuted? Describe.

5. Do you know anyone who has been persecuted for the sake of Christ?

6. How should you prepare for persecution according to vs.14-15?

7. Who will deliver you up according to v.16?

8. In vs.18, what is Jesus' promise through it all?

9. Vs. 19 instructs us to do what?

10. Do you have need of endurance?

11. How does God build our endurance?

Watchfulness – carefully observant and alert at all times.

DAY 4 - LOOK AT THE SIGNS

Read vs.20-33.

1. Describe the events of vs.20-24.

2. What is the time of the gentiles?

3. Vs.27 describes the outcome of the events of vs.20-26.
   What are these events called in biblical terms?

4. What should you do when these things start to take place?

5. What's the point of the parable?

6. How do you interpret the signs around you today?

7. What will never pass away?

8. How do you treat God's word that lasts forever? Do you read it? How often? Do you meditate on it, and memorize it?

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left NOTHING outside his control. Hebrews 2:8. Nothing means nothing!

DAY 5 - CAN'T HARDLY MOVE

Read vs.34-38.

1. What are the things that weigh us down?

2. Describe some "cares of life" that bring us down. Is it usually the big things or the little things in life that bring us down?

3. Focus on vs. 36. What are you supposed to do?

To pray is to express belief in God. To pray when you see no answers is to express belief that God still cares and is still in control.
Don't give up in prayer.

4. Based on Christ's word in vs.34-36, do you think it's possible that we be sidetracked by problems?

5. Why do we often act surprised when problems arise?

6. Why did Jesus go to the Mount of Olives at night?

7. If Jesus needed time alone to recuperate and pray, do you think you may need it too?

8. Are you spending time alone in prayer to get the strength you need to minister to others?

9. How can you become better at isolating times of prayer on a daily basis?

Matthew 26:41
“Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation.
The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

LIVE IT OUT

The widow in our lesson was commended for giving sacrificially to the Lord.

Do the same as an act of worship this week.

Give sacrificially. It can be your money, or your time, or some other resource you value greatly. Pray about it before you make a decision, then give it as an act of worship to the Lord.

LET IT IN

Luke 21:4
"For they all contributed out of their abundance,
but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Journaling