

# Stay Awake: Unalarmed

Mark 13:1–13 || Pastor Matthew St. John || August 5, 2018

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## Discussion Questions

1. Hollywood produces endless apocalyptic movies. Even as Christians we debate the end times. When you think about the future, what feelings arise in you?
2. Jesus commands His disciples to be watchful. But first Jesus redirects them to examine their souls. Why? See John 21:22 as another example of Jesus redirecting disciples on soul care.
3. We all want to know the future. It's easy to fall for false teaching when it promises to make the future clear. What guards do you have in place to protect against false teaching? Read John 1:1–18 and Colossians 1:11–20. How will you recognize the true Christ? How do you distinguish true teachers from false?
4. Jesus commands us to wait patiently. Why does God wait to bring the end times? What three reasons did Pastor Matthew discuss? Based on your understanding of the Bible, what else would you add?
5. Your life will bear witness. If you claim the name of Christ, people will pay heed to both your words and your deeds to see how these portray the person of Jesus. What kind of witness are you giving? How can you sharpen your witness for Christ? Take time to pray together for this.

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