

## LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## *Zechariah Series*

These questions are for the **February 18, 2023** message, “Known to the Lord.” Please read the sermon passage (Zechariah 14:1-7) together out loud.

### Passage Outline

AS WE CONSIDER THE FINAL BATTLE IN HISTORY, NOTE . . .

1. The conflict described by God. (1-3)
  - a. God will bring about the coming battle according to his perfect timing.
    - i. There will be a great future ingathering of Jews in Israel.
    - ii. God will gather these nations against Israel in order to save Jew and gentile.
    - iii. The Lord will “go out against” (a military expression), and the nations will see.
    - iv. The land belongs to the Lord (ownership) and he has given it to Israel.
  - b. The ultimate need of Jew and gentile is the same: to know God through Jesus Christ.
2. The Conqueror sent by God. (4-7)
  - a. Since we have not yet seen the Mount of Olives split by an earthquake, it is yet to come.
    - i. There is a fault line beneath the Mount, precisely where this passage describes.
    - ii. Jesus will visibly return, and the LORD will bring all the holy ones with him.
  - b. This will be a “unique day” characterized by “neither day nor night,” but . . .
    - i. Known only to the LORD.
    - ii. Light existing at evening time.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: The present and future is characterized by conflict and a battle which God himself orchestrates. If God is doing this, what is your responsibility? What is your responsibility in terms of thinking? What about feeling/emotions? What about actions / mission?
2. Based on #1, above: When God gathers the nations against Israel, fights on their behalf and gives them the land there will be a great revival. Every eye will see that God is God, that he owns everything, that he keeps his promises and that he has no rival. Many Jews and many gentiles will repent and trust Jesus Christ alone. Discuss this future certainty.
3. Based on #1, above: There are hard days ahead including wars, natural disasters, and another (final) holocaust. When we read this, we know that God is involved, and in our daily prayers over world and personal events, we ask him to intervene—to do something. Describe your current prayer life regarding “knowing” that God is involved, and “asking” him to intervene.
4. Based on #2, above: Jesus will return and rule visibly and personally at the Mount of Olives—the precise point from which he ascended into heaven after his resurrection. (Acts 1) What details, promises and prophecies about the return of Jesus Christ most astound you?
5. Based on #2, above: Since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been living in the “last days.” In what ways is it helpful to think and live as if Christ will return any moment? What extremes must we resist?