



HUNKER DOWN

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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25–26

♪ *Come Heal This Land* [\(lyrics\)](#)

♪ *You, O Lord, Are My Refuge* [\(lyrics\)](#)

Reconciliation with God

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38–39

... In Christ you are forgiven.

R Thanks be to God!

♪ *He Knows My Name* (black #2151) [\(lyrics\)](#)

Sharing the Peace

... The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

R And also with you.

Time with Young Disciples

The Offering

God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

2 Corinthians 9:8 NLT

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven: Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Luke 21:5–36

⁵ When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, ⁶ “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷ They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸ And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹ “When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰ Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹ there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹² “But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³ This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴ So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵ for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶ You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish.

¹⁹ By your endurance you will gain your souls.

²⁰ “When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹ Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it; ²² for these are days of vengeance, as a fulfillment of all that is written. ²³ Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress on the earth and wrath against this people; ²⁴ they will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken away as captives among all nations; and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

... This is the Word of the Lord.

R Thanks be to God.

Message

“Hunker Down”

Blessing & Sending

Song

♪ Immortal, Invisible (blue #263)

[\(lyrics+music\)](#)

Hunker Down: How to Interpret a Crisis

1. There's only one _____, but lots of _____.

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock.”
Matthew 7:24–25 NRSV

2. If the signs aren't clear, then clearly it's _____.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, ... they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory.”

Luke 21:25,27 NRSV

“as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near.”

Luke 21:30 NRSV

3. The time to lift our heads is when _____.

“when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Luke 21:28 NRSV

4. The “between times” are when we _____.

“those in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those inside the city must leave it, and those out in the country must not enter it.... Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing infants...”

Luke 21:21,23 NRSV

5. We need to be alert in order _____.

“Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36
NRSV