**Growth Group Questions**

***Relate***

Have you ever had a conversation with a non-Christian about events in the world and the end times? If you feel comfortable, share with the group what that conversation was like.

***Reflect***

1. What does Luke 21: 20-24 imply about when the “Times of the Gentiles” began?

2. Read Romans 11:25, What does Paul say is the purpose of the “times of the Gentiles” described by Jesus in Luke in 21:24?

3. In vv.29-33, What comparison is Jesus making to the nature of the fig tree? How does v.31 relate to the timing of the end? Is v.32 referring to all of what He has previously said or only the section immediately preceding this statement? Why?

4. Read Luke 21:25-33 again. What will the end times be like? Who is the Son of man and what does Daniel 7:13-18 say about Him and His kingdom? What is encouraging about this passage?

5. Read Luke 21:34-36. Jesus gives a final warning. What is the warning? What kind of attitude does Jesus describe concerning His return?

6. Jesus spent this large section warning and depicting the end. He wraps up this discourse with a call to watch our hearts and to pray. How easy is it for you to allow your heart (passions, emotions, desires) to become caught up in sports, television, money, food, worry, etc.? What is it that steals your heart and distracts you?

***Respond***

Read 2 Peter 3:8-18 How should we then live in light of the end times?

How can you prepare to share with someone who becomes afraid about world events and starts a conversation about the end times? What would you say? How could you use this passage to inform that discussion?