

Problem:

the world is getting worse

this is to be expected because the kingdom is not here-

Main Idea:

Wait For It

CPT:

Know the Season (Matthew 24:32-35)

regarding the phrase 'this generation' discuss:

<http://www.gotquestions.org/this-generation-not-pass.html>

It Could Start Any Time (Matthew 24:36-41)

regarding the one taken one left, read:

Psalm 1:4-6; Matthew 3:11-12; 13:35-43

and discuss:

<http://carm.org/how-interpret-bible>

Therefore Stay Awake (Matthew 24:42-51)

How might 1 John 2:15-17 relate to this passage?

Wait For It (Matthew 25:1-13)

Who is the Groom and who are the guests/virgins?

Read: Matthew 22:1-3; John 2:1-11; 3:28-29; Luke 5:33-39

Who is not the bride?

Read: Jeremiah 3:1-10; Ezekiel 16:30-43

Who is the bride?

Read: Ephesians 5:25-32; 2 Corinthians 11:1-3

Where is she during all the tribulation on earth during this last seven year period?

Read: Revelation 19:6-8

How and when does she get there?

Read the following article and discuss:

<http://www.biblebb.com/files/rapture.htm>

Read the following article regarding Jewish wedding parallels to these end times events:

<http://bridalcovenant.com/wedding1.html>

Implication:

worship while you wait

settle your heart on a perfect future not a fallen present - and worship while you wait

Read Romans 8:18-25; Titus 2:11-13; 2 Peter 3:1-13

we are called to wait but to worship while we do so-

we can look this fallen world in the face and weep with those who weep, knowing that this world is not our home, and giving hope of a better world to come...and we can still remain joyful that this is not it.

MATTHEW 26:6-13 - helping the poor is worship - not a plan for the kingdom
our service is not to make the world better it is worship - even if poverty does not go away i can
feed the poor to worship God -

AND I WONT BE DISCOURAGED BY THE CONDITIONS I SEE BECAUSE MY HOPE IS NOT
THIS WORLD GETTING BETTER BUT THIS WORLD'S PROMISED PERFECTION THAT IS
STILL TO COME

Application:

Worship God through service in this fallen imperfect world

Here is a great article to discuss application:

<http://www.biblicaljiujitsu.com/feeding-hungry/>