What Jesus Says About The Future Matthew 24:1-14 (Pew Bible p. 985)

Prophetic Certainties from Jesus to Deflate Fear	24:6
1. Jesus said it will be like this.	24:4-25
2. He is still in control.	24:26-31

3. Jesus' Second Coming is nearer than ever before. 24:32-36

You deflate fear when you are certain about what Jesus says is certain.

How shall we then live?

When it comes to the return of Jesus Christ, I have moved from the planning committee to the welcoming committee. Warren Wiersbe

Next week - Philippians 1:15-24

Small Group Follow Through Guide

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SUGGESTED DISCUSSION POINTS FROM JANUARY 28, 2018 SERMON

1. From what you know of history, are our times really more fearful than any other time? Explain why you respond as you do.

2. State the *big idea* of the sermon in your own words. Second Peter 1:19 says *"we have the prophetic word made more sure."* How can these *more sure* truths "take deeper hold" of your life?

3. Read Matthew 24:42. What is the significance of *"therefore?"* The verb *"be on the alert/watch"* is an imperative – a command. How can you obey this responsibility? What will "spiritual alertness" look like in your own life?

4. Read again Matthew 24:6. How can you "speak to your fears" rather than "letting your fears speak to you?"

5. Read Matthew 24:36. How can you remember this verse when you hear about some datesetting sensationalism?

- 6. Bible truth is both for *living* and for *sharing*. <u>Living</u>: How will your life be different as a result of this? <u>Sharing</u>: How/with whom can you share this?
- 7. How does 1 Peter 4:7 contribute to all of this?

8. What remaining questions, comments or insights do you have to share with your group?

9. Spend the closing minutes praying about this for yourself, for someone else, and for the VBC Congregation.