## **COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK**

	The week of September 27
1. 2.	Carefully read Mark 13 and Revelation 6:1-8.  During the past week, what practical things did you do to "press on" (Phil 3:12) to become more like Christ?
3.	Mark 13, Matthew 24, and Luke 21 all record what is known as the "Olivet Discourse." Why do you suppose God has placed such importance on this passage?
4.	Oftentimes Christians have a tendency to either neglect the Bible's teaching on the end times, refusing to establish any convictions on the matter, or overemphasize the Bible's teaching on the end let their thoughts and conversation be dominated by the topic. How can both be an unhealthy response?
5.	What do we learn about God when we see the outpouring of God's wrath? Give other examples of God's wrath found in the Bible.
6.	What is the greatest demonstration of God's wrath found in the Bible?
7.	Describe what each seal represents in Rev. 6:1-8:
8.	Read John 14:1-6. As we watch the world moving away from greater peace and as we think about the coming of God's wrath, how should we fight fear or anxiety within our own hearts?

## EARLY BIRTH PANGS

## Mark 13:5-8

Series #70

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: "Early Birth Pangs." All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

- 1. Our Lord uses the imagery of labor and birth pains to describe what time period?
- 2. Mark 13:5-8 is the first part of a message given by Jesus known as the what?
- 3. The Olivet Discourse focuses on what people group?
- 4. A failure to realize the Jewish focus of this discourse is what results in many of the what?
- 5. The future 7 year tribulation is going to be a time of what for the Jewish people?
- 6. Revelation chapter 6 begins the section of the book that unfolds for us the events of the what?
- 7. In Daniel 9. Gabriel told Daniel that God would focus on Israel for a period of how many years?

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- 8. At the end of the 490 years Israel will no longer be what?
- 9. How many of the 490 years have elapsed?
- 10. According to Daniel 9:27, the final 7 year period will begin when the Antichrist does what?
- 11. After 3.5 years into the tribulation, the Antichrist will break the treaty with Israel and will demand that the Jews do what?
- 12. Who breaks the first seal that begins the Day of the Lord?
- 13. The opening of the first seal is the release of whom?
- 14. God determines the extent and effects of the what?
- 15. Ezekiel 14:21 make it clear that war, famine, pestilence, and wild beasts are instruments of what?
- 16. How will the Antichrist conquer?
- 17. The time of peace is followed by a time of what?
- 18. What color of horse depicts the horror of killing and murder and widespread bloodshed?
- 19. The judgment that comes with the Black horse is the judgment of what?
- 20. The scales in verse 6 are a symbol of what?
- 21. Revelation 6:6 describes massive what?
- 22. Runaway inflation does what to money?
- 23. What color of horse perfectly describes the color of a decomposing corpse?
- 24. When the fourth seal is broken, how much of the population will die?

- 25. The four seals of Revelation 6 describe what time period?
- 26. What will reign throughout the 7 year tribulation period?
- 27. The first seal is the coming of the Antichrist and the emergence of a false what?
- 28. According to Mark 13:7-8, the second seal is what? The third seal is what?
- 29. Mark 13:8 tells us that these things are just the beginning of what?
- 30. Jesus compared the events of the tribulation to the what?
- 31. How will the Jewish people be treated during the 7 year tribulation?
- 32. Jesus was responding to the disciples' question regarding the end of the present age and the what?
- 33. Things are definitely headed towards what?
- 34. You are not ready for the future 7 year tribulation period that could be right around the corner, if you have not done what?
- 35. Whether you believe it or not, what is going to come to earth?
- 36. What is your spiritual condition today? Do you know Jesus Christ personally? Is He your personal Lord and Savior?