

# Welcome to **CHURCH!**

We are glad you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that your stay will be both meaningful and memorable.



We are a church that seeks to bring glory to God, to build the local church through discipleship and to fulfill the Great Commission.

Here are some activities going on with us!

## **Lenten Retreat 2026**

You are invited to join our **annual Lenten Retreat** to be held during the **Holy Week**. In order to accommodate more people, we will have **two batches**. There is a registration fee of **P3,000.00**.

**Batch 1: March 30-April 1, 2026**

**Batch 2: April 2-4, 2026**

## How can we **pray** for you?

Inviting you to join our **Prayer Meeting, Tuesdays at 7PM**. You may **send your prayer requests** and **praise reports** by text (0912 130 6148), by writing them on the prayer cards provided, or by sending us a private message on our Facebook page.

## Discover life with our **Small Groups**.

Looking for **deeper connections** and a **closer walk with God**? Our small groups are where we cultivate meaningful relationships and grow in faith together. Want to join? Visit our Information Booth after the service to find the perfect group for you!

## Stay for **fellowship** and **refreshments**.

Stick around after the service for **coffee** and **connection**! It's the perfect chance to meet some friendly faces, learn more about our small groups, our ministries, and discover all that our church has to offer. We'd love to see you there!

## Free **Blood Pressure** and **Sugar Check-up**.

Encouraging those who wish to monitor their Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar levels to **avail of our free check-up**, happening **every after Sunday service**!

## **Ways to give tithes and love gifts.**

BPI Checking                    **0421-0041-16**  
Paypal                                **@livingwordnra**  
GCash Account                **0912-130-6148**

## **Sunday Services**

**English** 10:00 AM & 1:00 PM

**Cebuano** 4:00 PM

**2nd Floor,  
Northgate Center.**  
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Banalad, Cebu City.

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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

## **THE RETURN OF THE SON OF MAN**

Until He Comes: The King Prepares A Watchful Church.

Mark 13:24-27  
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March 22, 2026

## SERMON NOTES

### **I. WHEN THE LIGHTS GO OUT**

*The Day of the Lord is the moment God says: "Enough."*

**Reflect:** What am I leaning on right now?

*Don't anchor your life to what God has already scheduled to shake. Instead, anchor your life to the One who never will.*

### **II. WHEN THE KING SHOWS UP**

*If he is the Son of Man who will come in power and glory, then that reality must settle into our everyday life.*

### **III. WHEN HE COMES FOR HIS OWN**

**Reflect:** Is your faith anchored in the certainty that you belong to him?

*Jesus is not coming back for a crowd. He is coming back for you — by name, with an angelic escort, and he will bring you home.*



# “THE RETURN OF THE SON OF MAN”

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of March 23-29, 2026

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## GETTING STARTED

To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

When you hear the phrase “the end of the world,” what’s the first image or scene that comes to mind?

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Mark 13:24-27**

1. Read Joel 2:10-11 and Isaiah 13:9-10 together as a group. What do these passages tell us about what the Day of the Lord actually is? Why do you think God chose cosmic darkness, rather than, say, an earthquake or a flood, as the signature sign that this day has arrived? And what does it say about the character of God that he announces his judgment in advance rather than bringing it without warning?

2. Jesus describes a world where even the most stable things are shaken. What are some things people today tend to rely on for stability and security? How can good things (like career, health, or reputation) slowly become foundations we depend on? Have you experienced a “shaking” season in your life, and what did it reveal about where your trust was placed?

3. Jesus calls himself “the Son of Man,” a title he uses repeatedly throughout the Gospels. Read Daniel 7:13-14 together. Why is it significant that Jesus chose this title for himself in this moment rather than just saying “I”? Why do you think Jesus emphasizes that this moment will be visible and unmistakable? How does that same truth speak into situations of powerlessness or injustice that you face today?

4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 alongside Mark 13:27. In your own words, what does this gathering tell you about how Jesus feels about his people? Does the personal, intentional nature of this rescue (i.e. angels sent specifically, nobody overlooked) change the way you think about your own security in Christ? Is it easy or difficult for you to personally believe that he would send for you? Why?

5. Jesus places the gathering of the elect before the outpouring of God’s wrath but after a period of great tribulation. This means the Christian life may include real suffering before the rescue arrives. Read James 1:2-4 and Romans 8:18 together. How do these passages shape a biblical theology of endurance, the idea that hardship is not a sign of God’s abandonment but part of the journey toward glory?

6. Look again at the three movements of the passage: the cosmic signs (vv. 24–25), the coming of the Son of Man in glory (v. 26), and the gathering of the elect (v. 27). If you are honest, which of these three truths do you find easiest to believe, and which one is hardest to hold onto in everyday life and why? What habits or practices help you stay anchored in Christ daily?

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## NEXT STEPS

*The same Jesus who was crucified in weakness is coming back in glory and he is coming back for his own.*

- **Anchor Deep:** I will anchor my life in Christ, not in things that can be shaken.
  - **See Clearly:** I will fix my attention on who Jesus truly is, not how the world defines him.
  - **Live Ready:** I will live each day with faithfulness and readiness for his return.
  - **Call Others:** I will reflect God’s heart by helping others move toward him.
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## CLOSING THE SESSION

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray for hearts anchored in Christ, eyes fixed on his coming glory, lives ready for his return, and compassion to draw others toward him.
- Pray for relationships to grow with other Christ-followers, that you will encourage and care for one another.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends, and loved ones.
- Pray for protection, provision, healing and comfort for everyone who’s going through physical, emotional, mental and spiritual pain.

### BIBLE READING GUIDE

March 23	<b>Matthew 24:29-31</b>
March 24	<b>Isaiah 13:9-13</b>
March 25	<b>Hebrews 12:25-29</b>
March 26	<b>2 Corinthians 5:1-10</b>
March 27	<b>Revelations 1:7-8</b>
March 28	<b>Psalms 96:1-13</b>
March 29	<b>Psalms 1:1-6</b>

