

# 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.**  
across Gaisano Country Mall  
Banilad, Cebu City.

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*Worship God. Advance His Kingdom.*

# **LIVING BETWEEN PROMISE AND RETURN**

Until He Comes: The King Prepares A Watchful Church.

Mark 13:28-37  
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March 29, 2026

## SERMON NOTES

*Knowing about the future is not the same as being ready for it.*

### **I. HOLD FAST TO HIS WORD (13:28-31)**

Learn | Greek: *manthanó* | the active process of acquiring knowledge that transforms the learner.

Pass away | Greek: *parerchomai* | to perish, to come to an end.

*If God's Word is not your compass, the world's opinions will become your map and you will get lost.*

Reflect: Is God's Word your anchor, or just one of many voices you consider?

### **II. BE FAITHFUL IN YOUR WORK (13:32-34)**

Task | Greek: *ergon* | deed, labor, work.

*Faithfulness is not about prominence; it's about obedience. God measures stewardship, not spotlight.*

Reflect: If Jesus came back today, what would he find you doing?

### **III. STAY AWAKE IN YOUR WALK (13:35-37)**

*Jesus is not only calling us to be aware that he is coming, he is calling us to live in a way that reflects that reality every day.*

Keep watch | Greek: *grégoreó* | to stay alert, to remain awake, to be vigilant.

*Readiness is not an advanced level of Christianity; it is the normal posture of a follower of Jesus.*

# "LIVING BETWEEN PROMISE & RETURN"

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE  
For the week of March 30-April 5, 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.

If a VIP is going to visit your house, what are the first three things that you will prepare for?

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## GROUP DISCUSSION

**Read Mark 13:28-37**

1. Jesus uses the fig tree to teach discernment but also says no one knows the exact day. What is the difference between recognizing a season and predicting a specific time? Why do you think people are often tempted to "figure out" the timeline anyway? How does verse 31 ("my words will never pass away") help anchor us when there is uncertainty? What would it look like in your life to trust God's Word more than your need for certainty?

2. In practical terms, what competes with God's Word for influence in your life (e.g., culture, emotions, social media, etc.)? Can you think of a recent situation where you either followed God's Word or ignored it? What one thing can you change in order for your life to be more anchored to God's Word?

3. In the parable, each servant is given an assigned task. What does this teach us about how Jesus views our everyday responsibilities? Why is it sometimes easy to think that only "spiritual" activities matter to God? What are some specific areas of your life (work, family, ministry, personal habits) that God has entrusted to you right now? How can you grow in faithfulness in those areas this week?

4. Faithfulness is not the same as being busy. How would you define the difference between the two? What are some signs that a person is busy but not necessarily faithful? In your own life, where might you be doing a lot but not necessarily what God is asking of you? How can you realign your priorities to reflect true stewardship?

5. Jesus repeatedly says, "keep watch" because his return will be sudden. What does it mean to live "ready" rather than just informed? How is watchfulness different from anxiety or fear about the future? What are some ways a person can drift spiritually without realizing it? What habits or practices help you stay spiritually awake and attentive to God?

6. How does believing that Jesus could return at any time affect the way you make decisions, handle stress, or set priorities? What are some areas where you tend to live as if you have unlimited time? If Jesus returned today, what would you want him to find you doing or not doing?

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## NEXT STEPS

*Knowing about the future is not the same as being ready for it.*

- **Hold Fast to His Word.** I will anchor my life in the truth of God's Word.
  - **Faithful in My Work.** I will live on assignment, treating my daily tasks as God-given and not random.
  - **Stay Awake in My Walk.** I will remain watchful, keeping aware of distractions and anxieties that dull my spiritual attentiveness.
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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 God's Word, lives faithful in his work, and spirits awake and ready for the return of Christ.
- 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 30	<b>Mark 13:28-37</b>
March 31	<b>2 Timothy 3:14-17</b>
April 1	<b>Isaiah 40:6-8</b>
April 2	<b>Colossians 3:23-25</b>
April 3	<b>1 Thessalonians 5:4-8</b>
April 4	<b>Psalms 97:1-12</b>
April 5	<b>Titus 2:11-14</b>

