



Pastor PJ Berner • April 6, 2025

The Gathering Storm

JOHN 18-19

John 18:12-40 | Never a Doubt: Arrested, Tried, Yet Always in Control

Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 18:12-14** and **1 Cor 15:24-28**. What causes you to doubt God's plan both individually and on a broader scale as you consider global events? How would you counsel a brother or sister in Christ who is constantly worrying about these things and battling anxiety as a result?

2. Read **John 18:15-18, 25-27**, and **2 Cor 7:11**. From the sermon, how should we remain encouraged when we think about our sin and God's plan and yet also maintain an appropriate fear over how our sin might hinder that plan? What are some ways our sins can hinder God's plans even though they cannot derail them?

3. Read **John 18:20-23**. If we are to be confident in the unquestionable truth of God's word, what are some of those truths that should fuel our evangelistic fervor to reach lost people around us?

4. Read **John 18:36**. A lot of Christians don't spend much time thinking about the end times. Why is it important for us to have at least a general understanding of these things? Where would you place these issues on the spectrum of things that Christians have to agree upon (1st tier), things that are important doctrinal matters (2nd tier), and things that are more matters of preference or opinion (3rd tier)?

Recommended Reading

- *The Sovereignty of God* - A.W. Pink
- *The End Times in Chronological Order: A Complete Overview to Understanding Bible Prophecy* - Ron Rhodes

- *The Doctrine of Repentance (Puritan Paperbacks)* - Thomas Watson
- *Because the Time Is Near: John MacArthur Explains the Book of Revelation* - John MacArthur

