It's not what you think.
Mark 13

1. Read Mark 13. The disciples are focused on the magnificence of the temple. They really could not imagine faith, as they knew it, without the temple. But Jesus tells them it would be torn down even though the temple was essential for worship and sacrifices. Why would God plan for it to be demolished?
2. The temple truly was a wonder of the world. But the disciples were focused on its splendor instead of focusing on the spread of the gospel (v10). What gets our misplaced attention and focus these days?
3. Peter wants to know the signs and the times (verse 3-4). But Jesus tells him that he cannot know the times (verses 32-36). Jesus refocuses his attention on what he is to be doing now. There is a lot of speculation today about the end times as well. How is the study of the end times appropriate and when does it become inappropriate?
4. Why do you think that Jesus says even He, Jesus, does not know the day or the hour? (verse 32)
5. Jesus' emphasis through these verses is that regardless of the trials they will face, the gospel must be proclaimed to all people (verses 9-10 especially). Peter and the others spent the rest of their lives spreading the gospel.
    a. Do you think this applies to us today?
    b. How can we make it our priority in life?
6. What is the gospel in clear and simple terms?
7. Jesus' final story (34-37) is the summary and the punch line. What does it mean to you?