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But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, 4 treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. 6 For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, 7 always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. 8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. 9 But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

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1. What does “difficult days ahead" mean to you? How have you felt the pressure as a Christian in our world so far?

2. What does it mean to be “ready” or “prepared” for these difficult days? Is there anything that you intentionally do that might encourage your group?

3. Examine Paul’s list of “difficult days” characteristics. Which ones do you see already in our world?

4. What is a counterfeit? Have you ever come across something that was a counterfeit? How do we look out for these types of people in the faith?

5. How do we prepare for false teachers and evil in our lives as Christ followers? How can we help each other as a group in this way?

6. What are ways the Church may be tempted to be lulled to sleep in this generation?

7. What sorts of expectations do we need to have to live in this world? What assurances does God’s word give us?