**Here’s Your Sign**

**Week 1: Deception**

**Daily Time With Truth**

As you read these daily scriptures, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What is God saying to me?
2. What do I want to say to God in response?
3. How will I live out this truth?

**Day 1: Colossians 2:8 (TPT)**

Beware that no one distracts you or intimidates you *in their attempt to lead you away from Christ’s fullness* by pretending to be full of wisdom when they’re filled with endless arguments of human logic. For they operate with humanistic and clouded judgments based on the mindset of this world system, and not the anointed truths of the Anointed One.

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**Day 2: 2 Timothy 3:13 (TPT**

But the evil men and sorcerers will progress from bad to worse, deceived and deceiving, as they lead people further from the truth.

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**Day 3:** **Matthew 24:7-8 (TPT)**

“Nations will go to war against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms. And there will be terrible earthquakes, horrible epidemics, and famines in place after place. This is how the birth pains *of the new age will begin*!”

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**Day 4:** **Ephesians 1:18 (AMP)**

And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know *and* cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God’s people).

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**Day 5:** **Matthew 16:2-4 (TPT)**

Jesus answered, “You can read the signs of the weather, for you say, ‘Red sky at night, sailors delight.’ And ‘Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning.’ You’re so adept at forecasting the weather by looking at the sky, but you’re absolutely clueless in reading the obvious signs of the times. A wicked and wayward generation always asks for signs, but the only sign I provide for you will be the sign of Jonah the prophet.” Then he turned away and left them.

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**Discussion Questions:**

1. Pastor Bob concluded with a couple of questions for us to answer, “As we face the wars, earthquakes, famines, and plagues that Jesus told us to expect, who needs to see the light? Who has questions and doesn’t know how to make sense of these signs? How can you share your faith in a meaningful and effective way to point towards Jesus’ return, and what preparations do you need to make to prepare your heart for the joyous return of our King? **(See note below)**

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2. Pastor Bob described the disciple’s nearsightedness, “Their eyes were drawn up to the temple’s magnificent architecture. They were so caught up by what they saw with their natural eyes that they failed to look to the eternal significance of what lay before them.” How have we also failed to see beyond the things around us to the eternal aspects and deeper meanings of what is in front of us?

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3. How would you explain “the lesson of the Temple”? What is the eternal significance of the temple?

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4. Read Mark 14:58 and Matthew 23:38-39; 24:1-2. What is “the house” and what is significant about what Jesus is telling them?

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5. Jesus warned us that Satan’s native language is deceit. In what ways has Satan attempted to deceive us in this current time? What are the two things Pastor Bob told us to do to keep from being deceived?

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6. What is the Sign of Jonah and why is it so important to us?

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7. What is the purpose of the signs and how should we respond to them?

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**Note:** ***Do you have friends or acquaintances who have questions about faith? You want to have a meaningful conversation with them, but it never seems to happen. Do we have an opportunity for you! Alpha provides the perfect setting for this to happen. You simply invite a friend to join you over a home cooked meal to watch a video that will stimulate meaningful discussions with you and others at your table. Alpha meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in Room 216 starting October 7. Register online or by calling the church. There is no cost, but registration is required so that we can prepare an adequate number of meals. The course lasts 10 weeks. Here is a video preview:*** <https://youtu.be/fViYK_Xb3Wg>