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2. What kind of kingdom were the Pharisees expecting judging by Jesus' reply in v.21?
3. In what sense was the Kingdom of God present in the Person and ministry of Jesus? In what sense is the Kingdom of God present today?
4. What does it mean that the Kingdom is in our midst and yet to come? How does v.23&24 inform how we should deal with people who set dates for the Lord's return?
5. In v.24, how does Jesus describe the Day of the Son of Man? What prediction does Jesus make concerning what it is to happen first in v.25? Based on this, are we living in the last days?
6. How will we know when Jesus has returned?
7. Why were the people in the days of Noah and Lot caught unaware when judgment came?
8. Read 2 Peter 3:1-14 and compare it to vv.26-30. The comparison being made is concerning the judgment of sinful people who were not expecting it. Do you think people expect there to be judgment right now? What attitude should we have in light of such a judgment? What should our relationship with this world be like?
In v.33, what in our heart tempts us to preserve our life rather than give it to God fully and completely?
9. Read again vv.34-36. What do these verses teach about the separation and judgment that will occur when the Kingdom comes? How should this affect our lives? Our testimony? Our love for our neighbors?
10. Talk about lost people who are close friends or family. Spend some extended time praying for them and talking about how you might invite them to church or share the gospel with them.

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