

7. Read Matthew 24:26-31 and 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18. How does the certainty of Christ's return give you hope in a world that often seems increasingly hostile to God? How does the promise of Christ's return shape the way you live today?

Taking it Home:

1. If you knew Jesus was returning soon, what is one thing you would do differently this week?
2. Read one chapter each day from Matthew 24, 2 Thessalonians 2, Daniel 7, or Revelation 19–22. As you read, look for every reason God gives His people to hope rather than fear. Write down one truth each day that reminds you: *Jesus is still coming, and Jesus still wins.*

Prayer Concerns:

Jesus is Still Coming

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

God's Grand Story:

_____ - God made it [Genesis 1-2]

_____ - We broke it [Genesis 3, Romans 3:23]

_____ - Jesus redeemed it [Genesis 4 - Revelation 18, Romans 5:8, 2 Corinthians 5:21, 1 Peter 2:24]

_____ - Christ will restore and reign over it forever [Revelation 19-22, Daniel 7:13-14 Luke 21:25-28]

Don't worry... Jesus is still coming

Signs Preceding Christ's Return

The Man of _____ (_____) will be revealed

1. Exalts himself and _____
2. Empowered by _____ to _____
3. Exercises great _____ over _____
4. Seeks to _____ the _____

A massive _____ will occur

Hope in the Waiting

1. God is still _____ and _____
2. The time is _____
3. Jesus will _____

Preparing for His Return

1. Know the _____ so you won't believe the _____
2. Stay _____
3. Turn to Jesus _____

Personal Study/Growth Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

1. What are some questions that you have about the end times?

Digging Deeper:

Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

1. The sermon summarized “God’s Grand Story” in four movements. How does remembering the whole story change the way we look at current events and challenges in life?

2. Why were the Thessalonians unsettled and alarmed? What false teaching had disturbed them? What false teaching have you been exposed to?

3. What must take place before the ‘day of the Lord’? How do you believe these events will play out?

4. What do we learn about the man of lawlessness or antichrist in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 9-10, Daniel 11:36-37, Revelation 13:1-9? What parallel characteristics have you seen in our own society or institutions of the ‘spirit of the antichrist’?

5. According to vs. 9-12, why will certain people be ripe for deception? How can you guard your faith and stay true to the Lord in a world of distraction?