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bigIdea

Life as we know it won't last forever. With the end of 2012 getting closer, the Mayan calendar, natural disasters, and those nutty people who keep setting dates for the rapture, it seems like everyone's wondering how it's all going to end. So what happens when this world ceases to exist? And does it matter in the here and now?



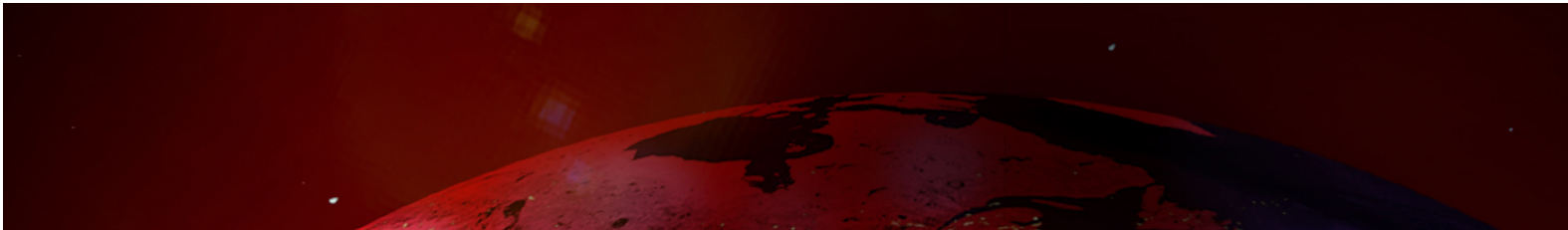
BIG IDEA: In uncertain times, we can be certain that Jesus will return again.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think about the second coming of Christ, how does it make you feel? Why do you feel this way?
2. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Matthew 24:31-46.* What groups are judged as described in these passages? On what basis are they judged? What is the final outcome of this judgment for all groups concerned?
3. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss Matthew 24:42-47.* Why does Jesus compare His return to a break-in by a thief? How are the two alike? How are they different?
4. How does Matthew 24:42-44 define what a faithful and wise servant is? How will the Lord reward faithful and wise servants? (Matthew 24:46-47)
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6. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.*
7. According to verse 13, how do the rest of the people grieve when they lose a loved one? Why do they grieve this way?
8. Who is coming back with Jesus, according to Paul?
9. Which is the one group that will never taste death, according to verse 17?
10. What three sounds are mentioned in this passage? What will happen after we hear these sounds? How does Paul expect that this truth will affect us right now?
11. *With your Bible or YouVersion, read and discuss 1 Corinthians 15:51-58.*
12. Are there things about the second coming of Christ that you find difficult to understand? If so, what are they?
13. What types of thoughts and feelings do you have when you think about the rapture?
14. What do you think it will be like to be with God forever?
15. How can you draw hope from the fact that Christ could return at any time and reunite you with God forever?

MOVING FORWARD

Knowing that Christ could return at any time, what's one important thing you've been putting off doing tomorrow that you need to do today?



FOR FURTHER STUDY

The second coming of Christ is one of the most talked about and controversial topics found in God's Word. This 32-day reading plan strips away all of the theories and focuses on what The Bible says about the end of time. You can access the plan using the YouVersion app on your mobile device or on the YouVersion website at go2.lc/theendplan.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

“However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. Matthew 24:36

