

Subject: The Imminency of Christ's Return: What It Means for Us Today – Part 2

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Dear “Berean”,

At least I hope God has placed a hunger and thirst for more of Him in your hearts!

Summary: This week's sermon explored **Revelation 22:8-15**, focusing on the imminent return of Christ and what that means for how we live today. We examined how Jesus repeatedly emphasizes that He is "coming quickly" and bringing His reward with Him. The passage challenges us to understand that we reap what we sow—those who follow Christ will receive the ultimate reward of His presence, while those who reject Him face eternal separation. The sermon reminds us that approximately 30% of Scripture is prophetic, and God commands us not to seal or ignore these truths. Rather than living in fear or uncertainty about the future, we are to organize our lives around Christ, living in constant readiness for His return through worship, obedience, and faithful service.

Takeaways:

1. Christ's return is imminent, not distant. Jesus says "I am coming quickly" six times in Scripture. This repetition demands our attention. We don't know the day or hour, but we know it could be any moment. This should fundamentally shape how we prioritize our time, resources, and relationships.
2. Rewards are coming for all—choose wisely. The reward Jesus brings is ultimately Himself—eternal life in His presence for those who have washed their robes and kept His commandments. Our works don't earn salvation, but they reflect our obedience and faith, and God delights in rewarding His children. Conversely, those who reject Him will receive the consequences of their choice—eternal separation from God.
3. Get ready by staying spiritually organized. Readiness isn't about anxious speculation but intentional spiritual disciplines: staying aware through Scripture, living in surrender and submission to Christ, maintaining constant communication with Him through prayer, worshiping faithfully, serving others, giving our first fruits with joy, and testifying of His goodness in our lives.

Let this week be marked by anticipation and preparation. Ask yourself: If Jesus returned today, would I be ready? What needs to change in my daily rhythms to reflect someone truly expecting their King's return?

May God bless and keep you, Pastor Jim

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The Imminency of Christ's Return – Part 2

Revelation 22:6-21

I. Introduction

1. When we were last in this book, we did a brief review of the ground we have covered since our start, along with a deeper dive into verses 6-7 with an emphasis on Jesus' imminent return. Today, we are going to pick up in v8 and look to get through v15, leaving us with just one more teaching to complete our journey through this monumental book.

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II. Revelation 22:8-11: We Reap What We Sow

1. With his bowing to an angel, it seems that John is once again overwhelmed with all that he has and is witnessing. This is the same mistake of his worshipping an angel we first read in **Revelation 1:18**. A mistake to which he hears the refrain "stop it" for there is only One is worthy of our worship.
2. Next up, we read the command to NOT seal the words of the prophecy of this book because the time is near...that is, Christ's return is imminent. It's clear that God wants His children to be looking forward to and ready for the rapture, the day of the Lord, and Jesus second coming. What is also clear is that all reap what they sow – some to life and some to death.
3. Many are intimidated by the Bible generally and certainly as we move into the large swaths of as-yet-unfulfilled prophecy, there is often uncertainty and even anxiety regarding the Bible's prophetic pronouncements. So much so that this book and other significant prophetic passages are downplayed or even outright ignored by many – including many within the church.

Yet, prophecy has immeasurable value. So great a value that, with the exception of the seven thunders, what God has revealed is

NOT to be sealed. What's more, minimizing or ignoring prophesy means we will miss over ¼ of what God is sharing in His word.

4. V11 brings forward what Daniel spoke of in Daniel 12:10:

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Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand.
- Daniel 12:10

That is, in revealing Jesus (who is TRUTH), the Bible reveals the way to eternal life AND to eternal death, **separated from Him**. While there is often a temptation to read the Bible for man-understanding, man-choices, and man-works, this undermines the essential spiritual nature of the book.

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The natural state of mankind is to reject or try to control the spiritual which leads to a hardening of our hearts and further separation from Jesus. It is by the exclusive work of God's grace, that our hearts and minds are opened to the things of the Lord that we may worship Him in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24).

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In considering these words, I was struck by fear, hope, and sorrow. Fear of God and our hearts leading us away from Him. Hope in God and His promises for us. Sorrow that so many sentence themselves to eternal damnation rather than to accept Jesus' repeated offer of eternal life.

III. Revelation 22:12-15: Rewards for All

1. No fewer than six times does the bible speak of Jesus coming quickly. This repetition highlights its importance! Not only is He "coming quickly", but He is bringing His reward.

A. This is stunning. God is NOT just bringing a reward, but the highest reward possible is in view - God Himself. What's more, as a good, good Father He gives and gives again for it pleases Him to care for and reward His children.

- B. The reward spoken of here in v12 is NOT the reward of salvation, but the rewards of having been saved, the believer does the work of faith (and obedience) spoken of in **John 6:29**. Said differently, this is not about the volume, type, or even importance of the works we do, but about of obedience in doing them.

- C. The "rewards" Jesus brings are the consequence of our life choice of following or rejecting Him. Even as He is THE "reward" and blessed are those choosing to follow Him for they will be in His presence, those that choose to NOT follow Him will also be "rewarded". However their reward is NOT found via the tree of life opening the way to heaven. Instead their reward is commensurate with their hearts being at war with God, outside of His healing presence.

2. A couple of notes about v14:

- A. First, it is the final beatitude here in the book of Revelation (the others are found in 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7)

- B. Second, some Bible versions say "Blessed are those who wash their robes". Indeed, this language is used in one of the earliest translations we have. As we just read, the NKJV says "Blessed are those who do His commandments". Some obvious questions come out of this. Why the textual variation? Is it a mistake? Do we lose any of the meaning when adopting one or the other?

I suggest that "washing robes" offers the picture of, in God's power, rejecting sin in favor of purity and holiness. I further suggest that this is the same picture offered by one "keeping His commandments" for that too can only be done via His power, purity and holiness. This suggests to me, that like almost all other variants, nothing is lost in the communication. So, a couple of final thoughts on this:

- i. There are other arguments pointing to the KJV/NKJV translation being right, but I will leave this to you if you want to investigate it further; and
- ii. Less than 1% of the bible has viable and meaningful textual variances. [Of these, language experts and theologians say no major doctrines or core tenets of Christian orthodoxy are affected.](#)¹

A commonly used example is found in **1 Jn 1:4** where some say “And we are writing these things so that YOUR joy may be complete”. [Other translations say “OUR” joy.](#) The meaning of the verse may be changed by the missing letter; on the other hand “our” may be a reference “me” also being included in “your”. [Either way, it is not consequential to our faith or questions therein.](#)

3. Verse 15 offers a bit of a “huh” moment. [What do dogs have to do with this message and why are our precious puppies being linked with evil like sorcerers, sexually immoral, murderers, idolaters, and liars?](#)

A. Well, the use of “dogs” is a culture bound reference. [In that day, dogs were not the lovable best friend of man we see them as today.](#) Yes, they served a purpose, but they were also dangerous and unpredictable. [Other passages such as **Deuteronomy 23:18** and **Philippians 3:2** also lump dogs in with other sinful activities further supporting the view that John is NOT taking about actual dogs here.](#)

Paige Patterson wrote of this:

When the children of Israel arrived in the land of Canaan, they found the practice of ritual prostitution abhorrent, and that often involved homosexuality within many of the religions of the land. [Unfortunately, the vice observed therein often repulsed them at](#)

¹ <https://www.str.org/w/textual-variants-it-s-the-nature-not-the-number-that-matters>

first but later seduced them. Nevertheless, there is evidence that the earliest observations of the children of Israel concerning these same-sex relationships in the honor of the gods were so reprehensible they found the behavior of the canine inhabitants to be superior to that of the human inhabitants. They may have referred to those practicing homosexual prostitution as “dogs.” Consequently, the expression in v. 14 may well reference ritual prostitution and be an additional item added to the sexual immorality that is mentioned.²

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IV. Closing: Get Ready

1. We don't know the time of Jesus' return, but we do know it's imminent.
2. We know we are to be ready.
3. We know how to get ready...organize your life and nurture your heart around Christ and the things of Christ! Examples include:

stay aware, purpose to live a life of surrender and submission, worship, study, pray, obey, testify of Him, be His church, serve, give your first fruits to God with joy in your heart, spend time and talk with Jesus constantly,

[Prayer]

² Paige Patterson, *Revelation*, ed. E. Ray Clendenen, vol. 39, The New American Commentary (Nashville, TN: B&H, 2012), 382–383.

Revelation 22:6-21, Part 2 (8-15)

Discussion Prompts

Don't be shy or embarrassed, this is a safe place to talk, learn, and grow. All of us should walk with an attitude of grace and Godly love in encouraging one another to contribute to our shared growth in the Lord.

For more discussion questions helping your faith to grow, please download the sermon documents typically posted the day after each sermon on the watch tab of our App or website.

1. With 2,000 years passed since we were told to prepare for Jesus' imminent return, how do we discipline ourselves to do so...whether it happens in our lifetimes or not?
2. Revelation 22:11 and Daniel 12:10 speak of hearts soft toward and hardened against the things of God. When you consider these words, what are your hearts and minds response when applying them to friends, family, and others?
3. Come up with a list of everyday opportunities you have to lay up treasure in heaven. Discuss how to be more attentive to being Christ's representative in these opportunities AND what keeps you from doing so.

Revelation 22:6-21

The Imminency of Christ's Return – Part 2

I. Introduction:

II. Revelation 22:8-11: We Reap What We Sow

- Looking for His return.
- Embrace, study, and own the entirety of the Bible – including the extensive prophetic passages.
- Fear, hope, and sorrow are embedded in John's words here.

Additional Scripture References: Re 1:18; Dan 12:10; Jn 4:24

III. Revelation 22:12-15: Rewards for All

- 6 times the Bible speaks of Jesus' coming quickly coming.
- Having received salvation our Lord sees fit to continually pour out blessings and rewards upon His children.
- The term "dogs" in John's writing here is a pejorative referring to those at war against Christ.

Additional Scripture References: 1 Jn 1:14; Deut 23:18; Phil 3:2; and the Revelation beatitudes in 1:3; 14:13; 16:15; 19:9; 20:6; 22:7.

IV. Closing: Get Ready

- Jesus' return is imminent, so purpose to prepare.

5-Day Devotional

Revelation 22:6-21 (8-15)

The Imminency of Christ's Return Part 2

Day 1: The Blessing of Prophetic Truth **Reading: Re 22:6-11; Dan 12:10**

Devotional: God has not sealed His prophetic word because He desires us to understand and prepare for Christ's imminent return. Nearly thirty percent of Scripture contains prophecy—not to intimidate us, but to equip us for faithful living. The unsealed nature of Revelation reminds us that God wants transparency with His children. He invites us into the mystery of His plans, not to create anxiety, but to inspire hope and readiness. Those who embrace God's truth find understanding and light; those who reject it remain in darkness.

Today, ask yourself: Am I approaching God's Word with eagerness or avoidance? Choose to engage Scripture as the precious gift it is—your roadmap to eternal life and present faithfulness. What prophetic truths have I been avoiding, and how can I approach them with faith rather than fear?

Day 2: We Reap What We Sow **Reading: Gal 6:7-10; Rev 22:11**

Devotional: The spiritual law of sowing and reaping is inescapable. Our daily choices—to pursue holiness or harbor sin, to seek God or ignore Him—create patterns that shape our eternal destiny. Revelation 22:11 presents a sobering reality: those who persist in unrighteousness become increasingly hardened, while the righteous continue in sanctification. This isn't fatalism but the natural consequence of our heart's direction. God honors our choices, even when they lead us away from Him.

The good news is that today offers another opportunity to sow seeds of righteousness. Through Christ's power, we can choose obedience, truth, and love. What you plant today in your thought life, relationships, and spiritual disciplines will produce a harvest tomorrow. What seeds am I sowing today in my spiritual life, and what harvest can I expect?

Day 3: Jesus—The Ultimate Reward **Reading: Rev 22:12; Phil 3:7-14**

Devotional: Jesus declares, "I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me." The greatest reward isn't a mansion, crown, or position—it's Jesus Himself. God's generous heart delights in giving to His children, and the ultimate gift is His presence forever. While Scripture speaks of various rewards for faithful service, these pale compared to seeing Christ face to face. Paul understood this when he counted everything as loss compared to knowing Christ. Our works don't earn salvation, but they flow from it as evidence of genuine faith.

The reward Jesus brings matches the heart we've cultivated. Have you been chasing lesser rewards—comfort, recognition, security—or pursuing the surpassing worth of knowing Him? Reorient your heart today toward the incomparable treasure of Christ's presence. How does viewing Jesus as my ultimate reward change my priorities and pursuits today?

Day 4: Washing Our Robes

Reading: Rev 22:14; 1 Jn 1:5-9

Devotional: The blessing belongs to those who "wash their robes"—a beautiful picture of ongoing sanctification. This isn't about earning salvation through perfect obedience, but about living in the purity Christ provides. Washing our robes means continually confessing sin, rejecting darkness, and choosing holiness through God's power. It's keeping His commandments not from duty but from love. The tree of life and entrance to the heavenly city await those who remain in Christ's cleansing grace. This process requires daily surrender, acknowledging our need for His purifying work. We cannot clean ourselves, but we can position ourselves under the waterfall of His mercy.

Today, bring your stained garments to Jesus. Confess what needs confessing. Receive His forgiveness and walk in renewed purity. What areas of my life need Christ's cleansing today, and am I willing to surrender them fully?

Day 5: Living with Imminent Expectation

Reading: Rev 22:7, 12, 20; 1 Thes 5:1-11

Devotional: Six times Scripture declares Jesus is "coming quickly." This repetition demands our attention. Christ's return is imminent—not distant or theoretical, but near and certain. This truth should transform how we live today. Organize your life around Christ. Nurture your heart with His Word. Stay aware, worship consistently, pray constantly, obey promptly, testify boldly, serve faithfully, and give generously. These aren't burdensome obligations but joyful expressions of readiness.

When someone you love is coming home, you prepare with anticipation. How much more should we prepare for Christ's return? Don't let complacency, distraction, or worldly pursuits dull your expectation. Live today as if Jesus might return tomorrow—because He might. Let this hope purify your choices and ignite your passion for His kingdom. If Jesus returned today, what would I wish I had done differently, and what can I change right now?

Small Group Study Guide

Revelation 22:6-21(8-15)

The Imminency of Christ's Return Part 2

Opening Prayer: Pray that the Lord would open your eyes to see and understand His word as you discuss the sermon.

Sermon Summary:

This teaching explores the final chapter of Revelation, emphasizing the imminency of Christ's return and the eternal consequences of our choices. John reminds us that we reap what we sow, rewards await all believers based on faithful obedience, and we must actively prepare our hearts for Jesus' return.

Discussion Questions: Did the Holy Spirit prompt any questions with you? Start with those.

1. Why do you think John made the mistake of worshiping the angel twice? What does this tell us about human nature, even among faithful believers?
2. The sermon mentioned that roughly 30% of the Bible contains prophecy. Why do you think many Christians (and churches) avoid or minimize prophetic passages? Have you experienced this yourself?
3. Read Daniel 12:10 alongside Revelation 22:11. What does it mean that "those who are unjust will continue to be unjust"? How does this challenge or comfort you regarding loved ones who don't yet know Christ?
4. How does understanding that God's Word is "unsealed" (not hidden) change your approach to difficult passages in Scripture?
5. Jesus says He is coming "quickly" at least six times in Scripture. How does the imminency of Christ's return practically affect how you live day-to-day? Should it affect you more than it currently does?
6. The sermon clarifies that the rewards in verse 12 are NOT about salvation, but about faithful obedience after salvation. How does this distinction help you understand grace and works? Does it change your motivation for serving God?
7. Discuss the two different translations mentioned: "wash their robes" vs. "do His commandments." How are these two concepts connected? What does it look like practically to do both?

8. The cultural context of "dogs" in verse 15 was explained as referring to dangerous, unpredictable animals—not our beloved pets. Why is understanding cultural and historical context important when reading Scripture? Can you think of other examples where context matters?
9. The sermon ended with practical ways to prepare for Jesus' return. Which of these resonates most with you right now?
 - a. Stay aware
 - b. Live in surrender and submission
 - c. Worship regularly
 - d. Study Scripture
 - e. Pray consistently
 - f. Obey promptly
 - g. Testify of Him
 - h. Be His church
 - i. Serve others
 - j. Give first fruits joyfully
 - k. Talk with Jesus constantly
10. If Jesus returned today, what is one area of your life you'd wish you had prioritized differently? What's stopping you from making that change now?

Practical Applications: Query the group for applications first...you may explore one or more of those.

1. Stay Aware: Set a daily reminder to reflect on eternity and Christ's return.
2. Worship: Add 10 minutes of worship music to your morning routine.
3. Study: Read one chapter of Revelation each day with commentary or notes.
4. Pray: Start a prayer journal specifically focused on readiness for Christ's return.
5. Testify: Share your faith story with one person this week.
6. Serve: Volunteer for one church ministry or serve a neighbor in need.

Closing Prayer Points:

- For hearts that eagerly anticipate Christ's return rather than fear it
- For loved ones who don't yet know Jesus—that they would come to saving faith
- For the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where we need to "wash our robes" and pursue holiness
- For boldness to share the hope of Christ's return with others

Discussion Questions
Revelation 22:6-21(8-15)
The Imminency of Christ's Return Part 2

1. How does the concept of Christ's imminent return affect the way you prioritize your daily activities and long-term goals?
2. Why do you think John made the mistake of worshiping an angel twice, and what does this reveal about human nature even in the presence of divine revelation?
3. What might be the consequences for the church today when nearly 30 percent of Scripture containing prophecy is minimized or ignored?
4. In what ways does the phrase 'we reap what we sow' apply both to believers receiving rewards and unbelievers facing eternal separation from God?
5. How do you reconcile the tension between salvation being a free gift and believers receiving varying rewards based on their obedience and works of faith?
6. What does it mean practically to 'wash your robes' or 'keep His commandments' in your current season of life?
7. Why might God have chosen to repeat the phrase 'I am coming quickly' six times throughout Scripture, and how should this repetition shape our sense of urgency?
8. How does understanding that God Himself is the highest reward change your perspective on what you seek from your relationship with Him?
9. What cultural references or metaphors in Scripture do we misunderstand today, and how can we better interpret them in their original context?
10. Which of the practical examples for getting ready for Christ's return (worship, study, prayer, obedience, testimony, service, giving) is most challenging for you, and why?

Dinner Conversation Starters
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The Imminency of Christ's Return Part 2

1. Only God Is Worthy of Worship

In our everyday lives, what are some “good things” (sports, grades, work, hobbies, even family) that we might accidentally treat like they’re more important than God? How can we practically “re-center” our worship on God this week?

2. The Bible Isn't Meant to Be Sealed or Ignored

Why do you think some Christians avoid Revelation or prophecy passages? As a family, what is one simple way we can be less intimidated by the Bible and more eager to read and discuss it?

3. We Reap What We Sow

What are some “seeds” we’re sowing right now in our lives (habits, attitudes, priorities)? If we keep sowing these same things, where do you think they might lead us in 5–10 years—closer to Jesus or farther from Him?

4. Rewards: God Himself Is Our Greatest Reward

When you think of “rewards from God,” what usually comes to mind first? How would our choices change if we really believed that the greatest reward is simply being with Jesus and pleasing Him?

5. Washed Robes & Obedient Hearts

What's one area in your life right now where you sense God asking you to “wash your robes”—to turn from something and walk in obedience? How can we encourage and pray for each other this week to obey Jesus, not in our strength, but in His?

Family Conversation Guide for Children & Early Teens

Revelation 22:6-21(8-15)

The Imminency of Christ's Return Part 2

AGES 5-7: SIMPLIFYING THE MESSAGE APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Jesus Is Coming Back, So We Listen and Obey Now**: Jesus could come back at any time. We show we love Him by listening and obeying parents, teachers, and God's Word.

Discussion Questions: How can you be kind to your friend but still do what's right? How could you quietly ask Jesus for help in that situation?

2. **Only God Gets First Place in Our Hearts**: Sports, games, toys, and shows are fun, but only God should be number one in our hearts.

Discussion Questions:

- a) What's one small way we can give God "first place" today?
- b) How do you think Jesus feels when we choose Him over a game?

3. **Sowing Good Seeds: Kindness and Truth**: The choices we make are like seeds we plant—kind words and telling the truth grow into good things.

Discussion Questions:

- a) If you joined them, what kind of "seed" would that be—good or bad?
- b) What is one kind thing you could say or do instead?
- c) How do you think Jesus wants you to treat kids who are being left out or picked on?

AGES 8-12: BUILDING UNDERSTANDING APPLICATION POINTS

1. **We Reap What We Sow in Friend Groups**: The habits we build with friends—how we talk, joke, and treat others—shape who we're becoming.

Discussion Questions:

- a) What kind of "seeds" are being planted in your friend group (kindness or cruelty, truth or lies)?
- b) If you keep acting like that group, what kind of person might you become in a few years?

2. **Digital Spaces: What Are You Worshiping?**: What we stare at and think about most (games, social media, YouTube, influencers) can become like "little gods" to us. Only God deserves worship.

Discussion Questions:

- a) If someone looked at how you spend your time online, what would they say is most important to you?

- b) Is there anything online that might be slowly becoming more important to you than God?
 - c) What's one small change we could make as a family so our digital time shows that God is first?
3. **Obedience as “Washed Robes” in Everyday Life:** “Washing our robes” (or keeping His commandments) means regularly turning away from sin and asking Jesus to help us live clean lives.

Discussion Questions:

- a) When a friend asks you to hide something wrong, is that helping you “wash your robes” or get them dirty?
- b) How could you kindly say “no” and still care about your friend?
- c) What is one area where you think Jesus might be asking you to “wash your robe” (tell the truth, stop a habit, change what you watch)?

AGES 11-15: DEEPENING THE CONNECTION APPLICATION POINTS

1. **Imminent Return: Making Choices with Eternity in Mind:** Jesus’ return is imminent. Your choices in friendships, dating, and online behavior are sowing seeds that will have long-term consequences.

Discussion Questions:

- a) If Jesus opened your phone with you, how would you feel about what’s in your chats, DMs, and search history?
- b) Are you sowing seeds online that lead you closer to holiness—or toward darkness?
- c) What’s one specific change you sense God asking you to make in your digital life this week?

2. **Who or What Are You Really Worshiping?:** You may not bow to idols, but you can “worship” approval, popularity, romance, sports, academics, or your own image.

Discussion Questions:

- a) Whose approval matters most to you right now—God’s or your friends’?
- b) In what ways are you tempted to betray your convictions for likes, attention, or belonging?
- c) How would your choices look different if you believed deeply that being with Christ and pleasing Him is your greatest reward?

3. **Outside or Inside the City: Identity and Belonging:** Revelation describes some as “outside” God’s city because they cling to sin. Your identity—who you are and who you belong to—shapes whose voice you follow in relationships and social circles.

Discussion Questions:

- a) When you think about your identity, what comes first: how you feel, what your friends say, what culture expects, or what Jesus says?

- b) How do you navigate loving and respecting people while still holding to what God calls you to sexually and morally?
- c) What boundaries (online, in dating, in conversations) would reflect that you want to be “inside” with Christ, not slowly moving “outside” toward rebellion?

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Be patient and listen: Give your child time to think and respond.
- Relate to everyday life: Use real-life examples and stories familiar to your child to make abstract concepts more tangible.
- Encourage questions: Let your son or daughter know it’s okay to ask questions, even if things don’t make sense right away.
- Share personal insights: Tell a personal story about a time you experienced these themes, adapting as needed for age appropriateness.

Family Conversation Guide for Gen Z

Revelation 22:6-21(8-15)

The Imminency of Christ’s Return Part 2

1. Remember He is Coming

Bible Reference: Revelation 22:7 – “Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Application: Live like Jesus could return at any moment—let that shape what you say, watch, post, and join.

Scenario: You’re in a Discord server / group chat where people start sharing dark memes, sexual content, or mocking Christians. Everyone expects you to laugh along.

Discussion: If Jesus came back in the middle of that chat, would you be glad He saw your responses, or would you feel exposed? What would you do differently if you really believed “I am coming quickly”?

2. Worshipping God or Idols

Bible Reference: Revelation 22:9 – “Worship God.”

Application: Don’t let grades, sports, aesthetics, your body image, your crush, or your online persona become what you actually worship.

Scenario: You feel anxious if a post doesn’t get enough likes, if your Snap streaks drop, or if your story isn’t “on brand.” Your mood rises and falls with digital approval.

Discussion: Looking at your time, energy, and emotions, what do you functionally worship right now—and how can you re-center your worship on God this week?

3. Scripture Over Other Influences

Bible Reference: Revelation 22:10 – “Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is at hand.”

Application: Don’t mute or minimize God’s Word in your life; bring Scripture into your real decisions about dating, identity, mental health, and online choices.

Scenario: Friends are giving you advice about dating, sexuality, or “finding yourself” that sounds good but doesn’t line up with Scripture. The Bible feels “too strict” or “outdated” to bring into the conversation.

Discussion: Where are you most tempted to “seal” (ignore/silence) God’s Word because it clashes with what your friends, influencers, or culture say?

4. Choices Build

Bible Reference: Revelation 22:11 – “He who is unjust, let him be unjust still... he who is holy, let him be holy still.”

Application: Your repeated choices are forming your direction. You are either moving toward holiness or deeper compromise—there is no neutral.

Scenario: You keep telling yourself, “It’s just online” as you watch content you know is wrong, trash people in private chats, or send risky selfies. You assume you can easily stop later.

Discussion: If you keep living the way you are for the next 2–3 years, who are you becoming? More like Christ, or more like the online culture around you?

These points aim to empower Gen Z to live out their faith genuinely and courageously in various aspects of their daily lives, reflecting Biblical integrity, compassion, and steadfastness.