Faith Community Church
The End
(Standing firm, Part 8)

Faith Group Questions
& Discussion Guide



🙏 **Opening Prayer**: Father, open our hearts to the hope of Christ's return and help us encourage one another with these truths.

🧊 **Icebreaker**: Share a time when looking forward to a future event (a wedding, graduation, vacation, or finish line) gave you fresh energy to keep going through something hard.

🔑 Key Points

1. Vision. A clear vision of Christ's return changes how we run the race of life and keeps us from grieving without hope.

2. **Changed**. Because Jesus died and rose, believers who have died will rise with glorified bodies and those still alive will be changed as they meet Him.

3. **Reunion & Rescue.**The second coming means joyful reunion with loved ones in Christ and rescue from coming wrath.

4. **Reward**. Our greatest reward is not a place but the Person—we will always be with the Lord—so we must live ready and encourage one another to stand firm.

💬 Discussion Questions

1. Did you Stop Inching, Honor Someone, or Celebrate God's Design last week? Tell us about it!

2. How does having a vivid picture of "the end" (our eternity with Christ) affect the way you face daily discouragement or exhaustion? (Hebrews 12:1–3)

3. What difference does it make to know that death is not the end for those in Christ, and that we will get new bodies? (1 Corinthians 15:53–57)

4. Jesus compared His coming to the days of Noah. What does it look like in everyday life to live “ready” rather than distracted by temporary things? (Matthew 24:37–39, 44)

5. The ultimate reward is not merely a place, but, more importantly, being with Jesus forever. How does focusing on the Person rather than just the benefits of heaven change your perspective today? (John 14:1-3, Revelation 21:3–4, 6-7)

6. Paul ends by saying, “Encourage one another with these words.” Who in your life needs this hope right now, and what keeps us from sharing it more freely? (Hebrews 10:24–25)

7. If you were told that the trumpet would sound or you would be hit by a truck tomorrow, what would matter most? How does that perspective change your priorities and readiness? (Matthew 24:45-51, 2 Timothy 2:3-8)

8. Discuss the balance between living like today is your last day while also wisely preparing for a lifetime. (Matthew 25:14-30)

🛠️ Practical Applications

1. **Encourage**. This week, intentionally share one specific hope with someone who is grieving or discouraged.

2. **Ready**. Choose one daily habit (phone use, media, work, or planning) and ask, “Does this help me live ready for Christ’s return today or distract me from it?” Make one concrete adjustment.

3. **Waiting**. Choose one daily habit (phone use, media, work, or planning) and ask, “Does this help me plan for a lifetime after which I will stand with confidence at God’s throne?” Make one concrete adjustment.

🙏 **Closing Prayer**: Lord Jesus, thank You that You are coming: in the sky or at our deathbeds. Help us stand firm, live ready, and encourage one another until we see You face to face.