



Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 18

CHAPTER 18: LAST THINGS AND NEW BEGINNINGS

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 18 "Last Things and New Beginnings"

Read at Life Group

- Scripture Readings: Matthew chapter 24 and Revelation chapters 20, 21, and 22 (*because of the length of these readings, four entire chapters from the New Testament, read them before you meet and journal your thoughts as you read. At group share as a group two or three things you learned or have further questions about.*)

Watch Video

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Looking back to the Garden of Eden in Genesis 1 and 2 gives us a picture of perfection that we can look forward to in the New Heaven and the New Earth. Thinking especially about a new and perfected Earth, what do you look forward to in that existence?
2. What are the things that cause us to focus on our life today more than our life in heaven? Where should our focus be?
3. At the great judgement, our works are judged through the work of Christ. In other words, only the good is remembered (Matthew 25:31-46; sheep and goats separation) because of Christ. So we are saved (passive righteousness) and are called to good works (active righteousness). Who receives the credit when we sin? How about when we do a good work?
4. In what ways do we already realize the events of and after the Last Day? In what ways are we still waiting for it? (Think of our lives, our bodies, our forgiveness, our names being in the book of life, etc.)
5. Knowing that both hell and heaven exist, and that Jesus could return at any moment, what should you be keeping in mind and acting toward day to day?
6. There is a wide variety of views related to how Christ will return and how to interpret end times material especially the book of Revelation. From this chapter and video, how do we seek to understand what happens on the Last Day, how much we should be trying to figure out when it will happen (Matthew 24:36), and how do we interpret the symbolic language of apocalyptic literature?
7. What key learning did you gain from the study of "The Christian Faith"? What main area of theology do you have more questions about and want to further study?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

You have now completed "The Christian Faith" book and video series. Look back at the table of contents on page 5. Which chapter was the most eye opening to you? Which chapter was the biggest struggle for you? Which chapter do you feel helped you the most? Choose one chapter and reread it looking for new insights after all you've learned and all you've experienced since you read it the first time.