

You Asked For It! Week Six – Are we living in the end times?

This page is the leader guide for this week. Use these conversation starters as a tool to help your group open up. It would be impossible to cover all these questions in your group.

- If you knew you had only 30 days to live how would your behavior change? What would you do and see? Why don't we live that way all the time? "He is coming soon" is a common thread running through much of the New Testament. Do we as Christ followers act as if he is coming soon? How would our relationships change if there was a sense of urgency among believers regarding Christ's return?
- "Are we living in the end times?" is the #1 question in the You Asked For It series. Why do you think that this is such a hot topic?
- Do you think that Christians tend to over emphasize the details of the end times or not focus on them enough? Is it important to be knowledgeable about the end times? Why does it matter?
- Why do you think there is such sharp division in Christian circles about the end times?
- Assuming that you're not a scholar of biblical prophesy, what do you get out of the book of Revelation when you read it? Do you find anything practical that you can apply to your life?
- In Matthew 24 and Mark 13 we read that all kinds of natural disasters and wars will take place as signs that the end is soon. Are we in the end times? It seems like the believers in the New Testament thought they were living in the last days as well. Were they deceived?
- You've heard it said that a Christian should not focus so much on heaven that they are no earthly good. Do you think that Christians focus too much or too little on heaven?
- Why are people so fascinated with the antichrist? What would happen if believers took as much interest in Christ as they did the antichrist?

Here are some scriptures related to this subject for your study time.

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| ▪ Matthew 24 | ▪ 2 Peter 3:10 | ▪ 1 Thessalonians 5:2 |
| ▪ John 14:3 | ▪ 1 John 3:2 | ▪ Hebrews 10:25 |
| ▪ Acts 1:11 | ▪ Revelation 22:20 | ▪ 1 Corinthians 16:22 |
| ▪ 1 Thessalonians 4:16 | ▪ Revelation 1:7 | ▪ Mark 13:32-37 |
| ▪ Hebrews 9:28 | ▪ Titus 2:12-13 | ▪ Luke 12:40 |
| ▪ James 5:8 | ▪ Philippians 3:20 | |

This page is a quiet time guide for the group for this week. Make enough copies for everyone.

SUNDAY

Matthew 24:44 *So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.*

Prayer: Pray for opportunities to share your faith in Jesus with your family and friends.

Question: Are you acting with urgency in your relationships?

MONDAY

Titus 2:13 *...while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ...*

Prayer: Pray that the people of NewSpring might show the world what a great life looks like.

Question: While you wait in anticipation of Christ's return, are you making the most of every opportunity in your life?

TUESDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *...And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.*

Prayer: Pray that NewSpring Church can clearly communicate to our region the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Question: How are you encouraging other believers that you come in contact with daily?

WEDNESDAY

John 14:1 *Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.*

Prayer: Pray that your level of trust would increase so that your level of worry will decrease.

Question: Do you worry about the future? If you believe that God is in control, why do you worry?

THURSDAY

Jude 18 *They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."*

Prayer: Pray that NewSpring would be consumed with things that matter to God.

Question: How are you connecting to God to hear about His desires?

FRIDAY

Matthew 6:19-21 *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

Prayer: Pray the people of NewSpring Church would invest in things that matter for eternity.

Question: What investments of time, energy and resources are you making that will pay dividends in eternity?

SATURDAY

Luke 21:27-28 *At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.*

Prayer: Pray for Jesus to prepare our hearts for His return.

Question: Do you believe that Jesus' will return soon? In light of His return, are you desperate to share your faith in Christ with your family and friends?

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