



Daily Devotions and Small Group Discussion Questions | Week 1

This Week's Memory Verse

..to keep in your pocket, memorize, and hide in your heart:

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness,
but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish,
but that all should reach repentance.

- 2 Peter 3:9

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Scripture Reading

2 Peter 3:1-5, 8-9; Matthew 24:3-14

Devotional Reading

It is in our nature to be curious and wonder when and how Jesus Christ will return.

As Christians we are living for an eternity with Christ, though we are unsure when Jesus' kingdom will come to earth. In Matthew 24, when the disciples asked Jesus about the end times, he responded with a warning against many false messiahs. Jesus also talked about wars, famines, earthquakes, and false prophets. While these descriptions shed some light on the signs of his return, Jesus never actually says when he will return.

The fact is, he explicitly tells us he didn't know either.

However, Jesus did trust that his Father would fulfill the "predictions of the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior through your apostles," as written in 2 Peter.

Peter reminds us that the end days will be filled with scoffers who see that the world hasn't changed since creation and are impatient for the end. Peter identifies such scoffers as those who are "following their own sinful desires."

As followers of Christ, we are called to seek holiness and godliness, remaining patient that the end will come according to God's timing. Instead of worrying about when the world is going to end, it is our responsibility to trust that "the Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient towards you." We can trust that his promise is good and his timing is perfect.

Faith In Action

Think of a time you were impatient for something - maybe a new job, a new relationship, or a special event. How did you handle your impatience? How does that compare to your waiting on the Lord?

Today's Prayer

Father, let your name be exalted to the ends of the earth. Help me to trust in your timing and wait patiently for when your kingdom will reign for eternity.