



Group Discussion and Application

1. How do you think your life would be different if you knew exactly when Jesus would return?
2. What confidence does the assurance of the return of Christ and the resurrection of believers give you? How is such confidence evidenced?
3. The believer is to prepare for the return of Jesus by having put on faith and love and hope. How is this accomplished?
4. We are to encourage one another with the truth of Christ's return (4:18; 5:11). In what specific ways can we do this?
5. There is much debate on the specifics (sequence, timing, etc.) of the second coming. Why do you think God did not give us a more specific description? What are we to learn from this lack of a precise timeline?
6. How can the church avoid division over the details of Christ's return?
7. Without engaging in debate, what different end-time views are represented in your group? On what points of Christ's return can believers agree?
8. What questions do you have about the return of Jesus?



Personal Reflection and Response

1. Having studied the second coming in our last study, how much thought have you given this week to the return of Christ? What was the effect?
2. How can you be more mindful of Jesus' return?
3. How will you encourage and build up others using the doctrine of the second coming of Christ?



Family Homework

1. List some things for which it is difficult for you to wait. What makes waiting difficult?
2. What do you look forward to with regard to Jesus second coming?
3. How do you think most people view the return of Jesus?



Preparing for the Parousia

1 Thessalonians 4:11-5:11

How shall we wait for the Lord's second coming?

1 Wait _____.

2 Wait _____.

3 Wait _____.

4 Wait _____.

5 Wait _____.