

**PRAYER**

- Ask God for wisdom and discernment for your daily needs and future plans.

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- Pray for each other's needs to be met abundantly in God's time.

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- Pray for the people close to you who need to hear God's Word, that they will have an open heart to embrace the truth.

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# VICTORY

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## The Last Days

## Week 1

NOTES

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**CONNECT**

- What kind of movie endings would you prefer: open-ended or conclusive, happy or sad? Why?
- What was most unforgettable for you when you watched a play with a choose-your-own ending? Why?
- What story had the most memorable ending for you? Why did it make such an impression?

## WORD

<sup>33</sup>Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. <sup>34</sup>Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>35</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.” <sup>36</sup>“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Matthew 24:33-36

## WHAT *What does the Bible say?*

One of the best-selling themes of books and movies is usually about the end times. Many have attempted to predict when the end will come basing from global events or a wrong interpretation of the Bible. However, is there really an end? How do we recognize it and prepare for it? Here are some truths about the last days according to the Bible.

- **The end will come.**

*“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”*

Matthew 24:35

Matthew 24 clearly shows that there is an end of age. Jesus actually took time to lengthily discuss this concern in the Bible (1 Thessalonians 4, Revelation 19, and Acts 1:7,8). The passing away of heaven and earth is part of God’s sovereign plan, but God also comforts us with the truth that His Words will never pass away. How are you assured by God’s Word being eternal?

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- **Jesus will return in the end.**

*“Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

Acts 1:11

Jesus first graced the world as a humble servant to save the world from sin and eternal death. However, He will come again as the powerful and

glorious King of kings! While Matthew 24:30 talks about how scary this will be for those who live in sin, Christ’s return should be a reason to celebrate for His followers. Why can we look forward to Christ’s second coming (John 14:1-4)?

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- **No one knows when the end will come.**

*“No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”*

Matthew 24:36

No one knows when the end will be. God does not want us to be deceived by any wrong information and be consumed about knowing when. Rather, He wants us to live each moment as if Jesus were coming back tomorrow or sooner. This brings a healthy fear of God in us and should cause us to find wisdom and understanding. How do we respond to this truth?

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## SO WHAT *What is the relevance of the Word to my life?*

- What are some of your ideas of the end times that were changed by what was shared?
- Knowing there is a sudden end with Christ’s return, how does this affect your daily living or your long-term planning?
- How well do you understand Jesus’ first mission on earth? How do you see Him in His second coming?

## NOW WHAT *How do I apply the Word to my life?*

- What are some habits that you do now that need to stop in light of the truth that there exists an end?
- How often do you read the Bible? How often are you sharing God’s Word to others?
- Who among those you know need to hear God’s Word regarding the end times?