

PRAYER

- Ask God for a clear direction for your future.

- Ask the Holy Spirit for greater boldness and more power to honor God and make disciples.

- Pray that you will always stand firm and finish strong and well the race that God has marked out for you until Jesus Christ comes again.

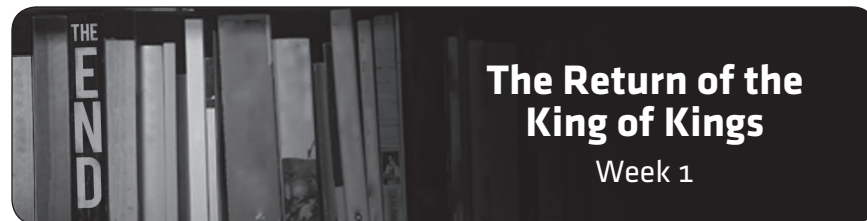


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CONNECT

- If the world ends tomorrow, what are you going to do today?
- What is one event or holiday that you always look forward to join? How do you prepare for it?
- Have you ever seen movies about the end of the world like Armageddon, 2012, and others? What did you feel while watching these movies and why?

WORD

¹Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you,
²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief
in the night.

1 Thessalonians 5:1,2

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

The Bible clearly says that Jesus is coming again and gives some signs that are telling of the end of age. However, only God the Father knows when Jesus will return (Matthew 24). In response to this, many have tried to predict when and others have panicked and prepared on their own. But as Christians, what should our response be to this much-awaited event of Jesus' return?

- **Think and plan long-term but live as if Jesus is coming tomorrow.**

⁴But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-6

Since we are assured of God's salvation, the exact date of Christ's return should not bother us and stop us in accomplishing the tasks that God has called us to do. Whether Jesus is returning next week, next month, or next year, God's Word encourages us to always be alert and self-controlled. How do we continue moving forward with our plans and goals at the same time live with the urgency that Jesus is coming soon?

- **Continue to honor God and make disciples.**

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19,20

There are still millions, if not billions, who need to hear and receive the gospel. Let us make every effort to be part of advancing God's kingdom in whatever field God has placed us. Who among the people around you can you share the gospel with in the next weeks?

- **Stand firm and continue to live passionately for Jesus!**

¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,

¹³but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

Matthew 24:12,13

We can only stand firm by God's grace and strength. By daily surrendering everything to Him until He comes back, we can stand firm despite the testing of our faith (2 Peter 3:10-12). How can a disciple passionately live for God for a lifetime?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How do we plan and set goals in light of the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ?
- What can we practically do to advance God's kingdom as we await the return of Christ?
- What kind of life do we ought to live and what should our spiritual posture be as we are nearing the end of age?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What are some of your current goals and future plans? How do you see yourself five to ten years from now?
- How can you practically honor God and make disciples in your campus, workplace, family, or community? When will you start acting on what you said?
- What practical things can you do to strengthen your relationship with God? How can help you walk these out?