

DISCUSSION GUIDE

ARE YOU READY FOR THE DAY OF THE LORD?

Make Every Effort — Week 21

ICEBREAKER: If your house was burning down, what three objects would you try to save?

OVERVIEW: Many Christians are confused when it comes to the study of eschatology, but that doesn't have to be the case. There are several passages in the Bible that present a very clear picture of the things to come. 2 Peter 3 is one of those passages. It is an in-depth treatment of the day of the Lord — the return of Christ. One thing we know for sure — Christ is coming back. Are you ready?

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Why is it important to study eschatology (Bible prophecy)?
3. What is the day of the Lord? (See 2 Thess 2:1-2)
4. Read 2 Peter 3:3-4. What are the last days?
5. Why will those who are awaiting the day of the Lord be mocked?
6. Read 2 Peter 3:5-7. How does Peter encourage and equip his readers to overcome scoffers?

7. 2 Peter 3:7, 10-12. What else will happen on the day of the Lord?
8. Read 2 Peter 3:7. The day of the Lord is equated with the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly. What will happen on the day of judgment? (See Mt 12:36; 25:31-32.)
9. Read 2 Peter 3:10. What does it mean that the day of the Lord will come like a thief?
10. Read 2 Peter 3:15. Why should believers be thankful that the day of the Lord has not occurred yet?
11. Read 2 Peter 3:11-12. Why is the day of the Lord a wonderful day for Christians? (See Philippians 3:20-21.)
12. Read 2 Peter 3:13. What else will occur on the day of the Lord? What does the Bible teach about the new heaven and earth? (For further study see Revelation 21.)
13. Read 2 Peter 3:14-18. How should believers prepare for the day of the Lord?

The Last Word: While we wait for the day of the Lord we must not sit on our hands and stare at the sky. We have work to do. We have been give a great commandment and a great commission.