

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

*10 Facts About the Return of Christ*  
2 Thessalonians 1-2:12

**ICEBREAKER:** How many times a day do you look at yourself in the mirror?

**OVERVIEW:** After Jesus rose from the grave, He spent 40 days with His disciples, equipping them to win the world for Christ. Then He was taken up into heaven (His ascension). As they watched Him disappear in the clouds, two angels appeared and said, “Jesus is coming back.” Jesus is coming back! When? How can we make sure that we don’t miss it? How can we make sure we are ready for it? Will it happen in our lifetime? Are there any signs that will indicate that it is near? What will happen when Christ returns? In this study we will go deeper with the second coming of Christ.

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. Do you think Jesus is coming back soon? Explain.
3. Would you like for Jesus to return today, or wait awhile? Explain.
4. Does the return of Christ scare you or excite you? Explain.

5. Read Matthew 24:36-44.
  - a. What does this passage say about the timing of Christ’s return?
  - b. What does this passage say will happen when Christ returns?
  - c. How will the Second Coming be like the days of Noah?
  - d. What does it mean to “be alert” (v. 42)?
6. Refer to Sunday’s sermon. Of the 10 facts about Christ’s return, which one was the most surprising to you?
7. What are the different Bible words for the Second Coming? Why is it important to know this as you study the Bible?
8. What are the different kinds of “comings” of Christ described in the Bible? Why is helpful to know this as you study the Bible?
9. Which two events must precede the Second Coming (2 Thess 2:3)?

**The Last Word:** “The curious thing about it [the Second Coming] is that Christians seem either entirely to disregard it or to think of nothing else.” William Barclay