

Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Is Jesus Coming Back?* Text: Matthew 24 & 2 Peter 3 Service Date: March 2, 2025

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- God is always moving; sometimes, we just must be intentional about noticing. Since your group met last, how has God been working in your life? (It doesn't have to be an incredible story but can be simple reminders that He's with you in every moment.)
- No one likes to wait. What are things that you get impatient waiting about?

Sermon Discussion

- Why do you think so many Christians like to try interpreting the book of Revelation and events surrounding Jesus' return? Do you think these things matter to the non-Christian?
- Read John 14:1-3. Based upon this passage, how should we be living our lives each day?
- What would your daily life look like if you lived each day in a way that is ready for the return of Jesus? Consider your own routine and interactions with others you encounter each day.
- The sermon noted two things:
 - 1) Trust God's *promise* because Jesus will one day return.
 - 2) Trust God's *timing* and be *ready* whenever Jesus' return occurs.

Do you currently feel as though you're trusting in both God's <u>promises</u> (throughout all of Scripture) and His <u>timing</u>?

- In Matthew 24, Jesus uses phrases such as "watch out", "keep watch", and "be ready". There is an obvious emphasis on being ready at all times for His return and avoiding things that would inhibit our relationship with Him. Why do you think He repeats the concept of readiness so much throughout the chapter in relation to being prepared for His return? Do you think He knew we would easily get distracted spiritually?
- Many Christians struggle not so much with "black and white" issues (i.e. things mentioned in the Ten Commandments) but areas that can sometimes seem like "blurred lines" (i.e. entertainment, social media, alcohol, unhealthy relationships, etc.). These "blurred lines" are not strictly prohibited in the Bible but often don't enhance our spiritual walk, and might, if not controlled by us, end up controlling our lives more than we realize. Why do you think it's important to be spiritually disciplined in every area of our life when thinking about not only Jesus' return in the future but our daily spiritual well-being?
- We are called to share our story with others as a way of sharing the Good News. Have you written your personal testimony, pen to paper? What prevents you from either writing your testimony out or sharing it with others?
- Read 1 John 2:28. The sermon series that kicked-off Sunday is called "Be Ready". Based upon the phrase "be ready" and 1 John 2:28, would you say that everyone in your life (as well as yourself) is ready for Jesus' return? If not, what is your prayer for them/you?

Have you or someone in your group experienced a Story of Life Change?

We'd love to hear about it! In fact, one of Tri-Village's values is "Stories of Life Change". Visit tri-village.org/yourstory and share how God worked.