



“What if it’s True? | He Will Come Again”

August 7

Discussion Questions

1. What personal experiences, feelings, or popular culture references come to mind when you think of the second coming, or return, of Jesus?
2. In the sermon, Tyler urged not to focus on the mechanics or timing of Jesus’ return. What, instead, does he say is the purpose of our belief about the future?
3. Why is the apostle Paul trying to reassure the Thessalonian Christians in the passage we read (1Thess 4.13-5:11)? What are they worried about? What does Paul say to encourage them?
4. How does Paul say that Christians should live in light of the anticipated judgment of God? Do you have any patterns of behaviour in your own life that you want to change based on Paul’s instruction?
5. Why does Tyler say that meditation on our own mortality is a good way to anticipate the second coming? What are practical ways to live each day as if it could be your last? What would this look like in your life?

1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11

Believers Who Have Died

13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. 14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. 15 According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Day of the Lord

5 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. 6 So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. 9 For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. 10 He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. 11 Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.