



**SUMMIT**  
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DIRECTION FOR THE JOURNEY



## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

December 10, 2023 | "Advent" Week 2



### GROWING CLOSER TOGETHER \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) If you decorate for Christmas, when do you like to put up the tree & decorations? When do you prefer to take things down?
- 2) If you knew the exact date of when you would die, what is one thing you might do differently?



### MESSAGE REFLECTION \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Review the main points of the message then share something that stood out to you, inspired you, or encouraged you.
- 2) Why is it important for you to always remember and recall (2 Peter 3:1-2) the works of God and the prophecies that have been fulfilled?
- 3) What is the motivation for scoffers who scoff at the notion of Jesus' second coming? Are they persuasive to people in our culture? Why or why not?
- 4) What emotions are evoked in you at the thought of Jesus' second coming? What makes you feel that way?
- 5) What does God's relationship with time reveal about God? (2 Peter 3:8)
- 6) Why do you think God didn't give a specific date and time when Jesus will return? Would you prefer that he would have?
- 7) Why is the question posed in 2 Peter 3:11-12 the better question (than when) you should be asking as we move closer to the last days?



## GOING DEEPER \_\_\_\_\_

READ – **Matthew 24:36-51** together

- 1) What jumps out at you from these passages that is interesting or thought-provoking?
- 2) How is our culture similar to the culture from the “days of Noah?” (vs 37-38) Why is it so easy to embrace this way of thinking?
- 3) What does it look like practically to “stay awake” (vs 42) as you consider the reality of Jesus’ return?
- 4) Why is faithfulness and wisdom key to navigating the final days as a Christian?
- 5) Why is ignorance or lying to yourself about Jesus’ return so deadly?
- 6) Share about a way you prepare for visitors or guests at your house. What is one way you can prepare today for Jesus’ return?



## LIVING IT OUT \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Pray for those in your life who aren’t ready for Jesus’ return. Reach out to them and share the hope of Jesus with them.
- 2) What worldly pursuits are you too focused on in your life? Ask God to help you keep your pursuit and proclamation of Christ as the number one placeholder in your life.



## LIFT EACH OTHER UP \_\_\_\_\_

*Take some time to pray for each other in your life group*

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