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Week 38 – The Final Countdown

Introduction:

Why Should I Care about the Return of Jesus?

1. It persuades me that God is ultimately in _____

Daniel 2:20

2. It places within me a perspective of _____

3. It prioritizes the way I live my _____

1 John 3:3

Revelation 19:6-7

4. It promotes a passion to reach people with the _____

Acts 1:7

2 Peter 3:3-4, 8-9

The Big Idea:

Planet earth is no less desperate for the return of Christ today than it was 2000 years ago. We just have many more ways of self-medicating or distracting ourselves. As thankful as we are for technology and progress, only Jesus can provide the ultimate solution to our deepest problems.

Let's be prayerful and excited for the return of Jesus. Let's also see ourselves as part of the solution right here and right now, as power from heaven touches the earth through us!

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. When you think about the idea of the “end times,” what kinds of feelings does the topic evoke for you? Excitement? Fear? Uncertainty? Discuss why you believe this is the case for you...

Ponderings:

2. Basically, God's “sovereignty” means that He has ultimate power over all things and is able to make all things – even the free decisions of humans – work together to fulfill His plans. Do you ever wrestle with doubt about whether God is truly in charge? Discuss...
3. Of the four points discussed in the weekend message, which makes the most sense or has the most impact for you personally?
 - a. Christ's return persuades me that God is in charge
 - b. Christ's return places within me a perspective of hope
 - c. Christ's return prioritizes the way I live my life
 - d. Christ's return promotes a passion to reach people with the Gospel
4. Read **2 Peter 3:3-9** as a group. In this passage does the Apostle Peter answer any of your questions, or bring comfort to any of your concerns about the return of Jesus? Share your thoughts...
5. What practical effects might there be on planet earth if every follower of Jesus lived more purposefully in light of Christ's return? Try to be specific and give examples where possible...

Promptings:

6. What practical effect might there be in your own life personally if you chose to wake up every morning in light of the possibility that Christ could come today? What small, positive adjustments might this make in your attitudes and actions?