



John 14:2-3 (NIV)
1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (NLT)

About The End Times:

■ The End times should not create **fear** but **encouragement**.

■ Only God knows **when** it will **happen**.

36 ...no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows. Matthew 24:36 (NLT)

Prophecy:

■ It reminds us of the **big picture**.

■ It reminds us that we're not in **control**.

■ It makes us realign our **passions**.

■ This forces us to **trust** God.

37 "When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah's day. 38 In those days before the flood, the people were enjoying banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat. 39 People didn't realize what was going to happen until the flood came and swept them all away. That is the way it will be when the Son of Man comes. 40 "Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. 41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left. 42 "So you, too, must keep watch! For you don't know what day your Lord is coming. 43 Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. 44 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. Matthew 24:37-44 (NLT)

The End Times will be marked with:

■ People who are **distracted**.

■ People who are not **ready**.

■ People like **today**.

■ People who forget **God**.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 (NLT)

Understanding the End Times:

■ The End Times begin with the **rapture**.

1 Thessalonians 4:17 (NLT)

The Rapture:

■ Is an event that will happen **unexpectedly**.

2 For you know quite well that the day of the Lord's return will come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night. 1 Thessalonians 5:2 (NLT)

40 "Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left.

41 Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left. Matthew 24:40-41(NLT)

■ Is when **christians** are taken up to **heaven**.

■ Will happen when people are looking for **peace**.

3 When people are saying, "Everything is peaceful and secure," then disaster will fall on them as suddenly as a pregnant woman's labor pains begin. And there will be no escape. 1 Thessalonians 5:3(NLT)

Because Jesus is coming soon:

■ We have to **always** be **ready**.

1 Thessalonians 5:4-8 (NLT)

40 You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected." Luke 12:40 (NLT)

■ We have to stay focused on **eternity**.

Colossians 3:2 (NLT)

Philippians 3:20-21 (TLB)

■ We have to **reach out** to people.

Luke 14:22-23 (NLT)

Jude 1:22-23 (MSG)

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What's one point from the Talk that really stood out to you?
- What is one scripture about the End times that stands out to you? Why?
- Do you think we are living in the End Times?
- Do you have any questions about the rapture? What concerns you about the rapture?
- As you look over the timeline - Do you have any questions?
- Talk about the benefits of looking at prophecy. Do you find these points to be true?
- When you think about the End times does it create fear or encouragement? Explain.
- The scripture describes what it will be like during the End Times. How is this different (or similar) from today's world?
- Do you think that people are looking for peace today?
- The Bible talks about Jesus' return as "a thief in the night". The scripture says that if we knew when the thief was coming we would be ready. How can we be ready for Jesus' return?
- How can we live in a state of being ready?
- Why is it important to focus on eternity? How do we do that?
- Why do we need to reach out to people? What does it mean to reach out to people?

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