

Exiles: A Study in 1 Peter

Week 8: The End is Near | Teacher: JoAnn Hummel
Sermon Questions for 11.7.2021

Opener

In your lifetime, what have you heard about the “end times”?

Read

1 Peter 4:7-19; Matthew 24:42; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Philippians 3:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:15;
James 5:7-9; Titus 2:12-13; Proverbs 10:12; Isaiah 11:2; Acts 11:26

Main Points

1. Christ’s return is not an escape from the world, but a reason for ethical living in the world.
2. Be watchful and serious in prayer - right thinking grounded in God’s plan nurtures a life of prayer.
3. Love deeply and persistently - love doesn’t turn a blind eye, it chooses to forgive/cover offenses.
4. Happily offer hospitality - requires action and affection.
5. Serve with God-given gifts - strength to serve comes from God.
6. Live with the end in mind, particularly when suffering begins - trusting in God’s faithfulness dispels our own fearfulness.

Engage with God in a Group

- When you think about the “end times,” do you begin to primarily feel a sense of fear, hope, certainty, or confusion?
- What impact does it have on you and the way you live whether Jesus returns tomorrow or many years later?
- How does the return of Christ impact your prayer life?
- Who have you read or listened to in regards to the end and return of Christ?
- Why does trusting in God’s faithfulness dispel our own fearfulness?

Bottom Line

Live urgently and godly, with the end in mind.