



Bread & Circuses

Week 3: Jesus is Coming Back | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 9.25.2022

Opener

What have been your thoughts about when Jesus returns?

Read

2 Peter 3:1-15; 1 John 3:2-3; Philippians 3:20; Matthew 24:14;

Main Points

1. There are 4 themes around the return of Jesus: God's promise, God's pattern, God's patience, and our part.
2. What we perceive as delay is God's patience on display.
3. Our part: receive a holy heart and live a holy life, eagerly await Jesus' return, share Christ while there is still time, and start your move.
4. Error: Because I have been made righteous, I don't have to live righteously. Truth: Because I have been made righteous, I have all the more reasons and power to live righteously.
5. Our eschatology must drive our ethics. The return of Jesus may not be immediate, but it is imminent. Christ-followers do not look at the return of Jesus as a way to escape, but as a way to engage.

Engage with God in a Group

- Do we long to Jesus face-to-face or would we miss this world more?
- How have you viewed the return of Christ - as an escape or as a way to engage with others?
- How does this truth impact your thoughts and daily living: *since I have been made righteous, I have all the more reasons and power to live righteously?*

Personal Reflection

1. If Jesus were coming tomorrow, is there an offense you would forgive today?
2. If Jesus were coming tomorrow, how would you engage differently with your family?
3. If Jesus were coming tomorrow, how might you live with more urgency with a friend, family member, or a people group who are without Christ?
4. If Jesus were coming tomorrow, what do you think would be different in your struggles with the flesh? What about your commitment to purity and faithfulness?

Bottom Line

When God's patience meets our urgency, we are hastening his return.