

The Last Things (7 of 7)
Small Group Discussion Questions

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Eschatology is the study of “the last things” in Christian theology. The *eschaton* is about the biblical view of the future, which comes into sharp focus with Jesus and the New Testament. Where is everything going? What happens when we die? And what about heaven, hell, the end times, the second coming, the final judgment, and the resurrection? In this 7-week sermon series, we will explore *The Last Things* and how our knowledge of the future can deepen our trust in God in times of fear and uncertainty, ground us in the Christian hope, and help us to live in light of the last things.

Sermon Title: Living in Light of the Last Things

Scripture Reading: Matt. 24:14, 28:18-20; Rom. 8:23-25; 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 22:12-21

Sermon Focus: After we’ve considered all that the Scriptures tell us about the last things, we need to ask, “How then shall we live?” Knowing where everything is going ought to compel us to adopt a Kingdom mindset and live in keeping with the good news that Christ died for our sins, was raised for our glorification, is reigning now from heaven, and will someday bring heaven to earth! In the final message of our 7-week series, Pastor David invites us to persevere in Christ as we live in light of the last things.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group. Use the following questions to help *guide* your small group discussion:

1. With what we know about the future from this sermon series, how should we live as disciples? Pastor David shared *three* main takeaways and encouraged us with how we are to live in light of the last things. Read and discuss each of these with the Scriptures listed. How is God speaking to you about these takeaways?
 1. **No matter what comes, we can trust God and live with hope for the future.** Read 1 Peter 1:3-5, 13-15 and Romans 8:23-25.
 2. **We must live with a sense of urgency for sharing the gospel with the lost.** Read Matt. 24:14; Luke 15:7, 19:10; John 20:21; Matt. 28:18-20.
 3. **We live knowing what we do now matters and that our labor is not in vain.** Read Matt. 5:14-16; Eph. 2:10; 2 Cor. 5:9-10; 1 Cor. 15:58.
2. In light of the last things presented in this sermon series, what do you think “sharing the gospel” and making disciples ought to look like today? Also, do you live with a sense of urgency for lost people to know the gospel and the saving power of Christ? If not, why not? What is God saying to you about this?
3. Anthony Hoekema wrote: “As we live on this earth, we are preparing for life on God’s new earth. Through our kingdom service, the building materials for that new earth are now being gathered. Bibles are being translated, peoples are being evangelized, believers are being renewed, and cultures are being transformed. Only eternity will reveal the full significance of what has been done for Christ here.” How else do you see that our “kingdom service” is being used as building materials for the new earth? What about at Grantham Church? What about around the world? What about in your own life? Give examples.
4. Read Revelation 22:12-21, the final words of the Bible. How does this challenge you? How does this encourage you? What is God saying to you about it?
5. Despite whatever worries, fears, and questions you may have about the things to come, do you feel that you are trusting that God will bring about his good future? What does this trust look like? How is God inviting you to live with hope?
6. How has the Holy Spirit used this series in your life? What stands out in your mind as the greatest challenge to you, as well as the greatest encouragement?
7. The Bible tells us that this life is short, and our struggles are momentary. How is the Spirit inviting you to persevere in Christ and live in light of the last things? Close in prayer for each other as you spur your group on to faithful living.