Revelation: A Study of the End Times

Part 1 - The Rapture

Read: 2 Timothy 3:1-4 & Matthew 24:6-7

Do you believe we are living in the end times? What signs do you see today that align with biblical prophecy of the end times?

Read: Matthew 24:30 and Matthew 24:40-44

Do you believe Jesus will return to earth one day? Do you believe that the time is drawing near? How does this understanding influence your daily walk with Jesus?

Read: Matthew 24:36

Why is it important for us not to set specific times of Christ's return? How could doing so negatively impact our current mission?

Read: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

How does the promise of Jesus' return give you hope in difficult times?

Read: Matthew 24:1-14

What does it look like to live in anticipation of Christ's return? How can we prepare ourselves and others for the return of Christ? Do these verses influence your perspective on the urgency of the great commission?

Read: Revelation 1:1-3

Ted gave us 5 reasons we should study Revelation. Examine each and discuss why it is important.

- 1. It is a book of the Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- 2. You need to be ready. (Matthew 24:44)
- 3. We need to warn others. (Hebrews 12:25)
- 4. It fills us with <u>hope</u>. (1 Thessalonians 4:17)
- 5. To encourage one another. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Read: Matthew 25:1-13 & Revelation 22:20

Are you ready for the return of Christ? What practical steps can you take to make yourself ready for Jesus' return? What will you do this week to take one step closer to being prepared?

Pray: Ask God to reveal those things that may hinder you from being fully prepared for the coming of Christ. Pray for the wisdom and courage to warn those that don't know Him and to encourage other believers to be prepared for the eminent return of Jesus.