



## Small Group Questions

### Part 1: Are We Living in the End Times?

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#### Read

Matthew 24:3–42; Revelation 22:10–20; 2 Peter 3:10 –12; 1 Thessalonians 4:17 and 5:23; and Ephesians 5:15–17

#### Reflect

Christ is coming back for his people. He has promised. We just don't know when. "Soon," we are told. Scholars and laypeople alike hold many different views about the end times. Many predictions of "when" have come to nothing. The Bible says signs of the end times include International wars, political revolution, famine, natural disasters, epidemics, the persecution of Christians, rampant immorality, and the worldwide spread of the message of Jesus. Do you believe we are living in the end times?

Pastor Josh Surratt discusses three common questions about the end times:

1. When will all of this end?
  - a. Did you believe any of the predictions about end times that didn't pan out?
  - b. The disciples asked Jesus "what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" How does Jesus answer?
  - c. What signs do you believe provide support for or against us living in the end times?
  - d. Why do you think God has not told us when it might occur?
  - e. Why do you think God is waiting?
2. How will all of this end?
  - a. The Rapture: when do you believe God's people will be taken out of the world?
  - b. The Tribulation: do you believe there will be Christians still in the world during this time?
  - c. Armageddon: the battle of battles and the Second Coming of Christ. What is your view of spiritual warfare? Do you think it goes on even right now to some degree? Explain.
3. How should I live in light of end times?
  - a. Follow God, not culture.
    - i. Would you say you have a heart on fire for God? Has your love grown cold...or lukewarm? Or would you say you are just getting to know God?
    - ii. What burden, fear, guilt or sin might be keeping you more culture-focused?
  - b. Be ready for Christ's return.
    - i. If you knew the world would end tomorrow, what would you do differently right now?
    - ii. What is stopping you from making these changes?
    - iii. Do you believe Eternity is at stake?
  - c. Make the most of this life.
    - i. Are you making the most of your life?
    - ii. Are you actively looking for opportunities to be used by God? Would you say you've found your purpose?
    - iii. Are you ready for Christ to return?

#### Respond

What is your next step? Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you and hold you accountable in this?