



PART 1: PREPARATION FOR HIS RETURN

INTRODUCTION

No matter how nice the plane ride, train, ship or luxury car we don't want the trip to last forever. We are wired to seek a destination. Jesus spoke directly to this part of us when he said this to his disciples in John 14. "I am coming again to welcome you into my own home, so that you may be where I am."

KEY SCRIPTURE

John 14:1-3

Philippians 3:20

2 Peter 3:10

Acts 1:11

Colossians 3:2

Acts 1:6-8

Titus 2:13

Mark 13:32-35

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What comes to mind when you think about the second coming of Jesus?
2. Read Colossians 3:2. If you were to take an honest inventory of all the things you think about, what are the top 3 things that would be on your list?
3. If Jesus always got his way all the time, and you only think about those things, what would you think about?
4. Where is there a disconnect between your answers to the previous two questions?
5. Pastor Will taught that if we take this instruction seriously and set our minds on "things above", it would be like nourishment for our soul. What would be different in your life if you experienced "nourishment for your soul"?
6. Read Mark 13:32-35. Based on what Jesus says here, only the Father knows when Jesus will return...we are to be alert...and God is the owner of everything. What does living with these truths in mind mean for how you live today?
7. Pastor Will gave us three things to do to prepare for Jesus' return: Be alert, Seek God, and Share Him with others. Which of these do you need to be more vigilant in doing? What's the biggest obstacle in your life for doing this?

MOVING FORWARD

Application Prayer: Lord, I set my mind on you, my source of hope. While I wait for your return help me to share you with others. I must welcome you into my heart to be welcomed in your heaven.