

LifeGroup Study
IT'S THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT (And I Feel Fine)
What Will It Be Like?
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Participant Notes

OVERVIEW:

Welcome back to our series, “It’s The End of the World as We Know It (And I Feel Fine)! There are key events at the end of the world that are clearly articulated in Scripture and which we must all embrace . . . such as . . . resurrection and judgement. There are also diversities of opinions on how it will all play out. Whatever your view the bottom line is that God wins and everything will be made right. This truth should fill us with confidence and hope.

ICEBREAKER: I Thought I Was Confident ...

All of us have experienced a time where we were confident about our ability to pull off a feat, but we ended up tripping over our feet! When I was a teen I remember standing at the top of a ski hill at Collingwood, pretty confident I could make it through those moguls. Then, two minutes later, I was on my back, sliding down the mountain, watching one of my skis flying over my head! **What experience do you look back on and smile at your overconfidence?**

STUDY:

1. On Sunday Ken talked about the various views around future resurrection and judgment. He shared that the bottom line is that God wins and everything will be made right. **What most struck you from what Ken said about these things?**

Matthew 24 – Jesus Speaks About the Future.

In Matthew chapter 24, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the future. While we don’t know whether all of what Jesus says about future events in this chapter is about his return at the end of history, there is much we can learn about how to be ready for His coming. As you read through this chapter, think about how the coming return of Jesus impacts your life and ask, **“how should I live in light of Jesus’ immanent return?”**

READ: Matthew 24:1-8

2. In Matthew 24:1-2 Jesus gave an incredible proclamation about the stones in the Temple, “I tell you the truth, they will be completely demolished! Not one stone will be left on top of another!” **How do you think his statement impacted the disciples?**

3. In Matthew 24:3, the disciples ask Jesus, “What sign will signal your return and the end of the world?” **How did Jesus respond?**

4. READ: Matthew 24:9-22

In these verses, Jesus describes the persecution His followers will experience. In vs. 11, He says, “But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” **Why is endurance so important?**

In verses 15-22 we read some pretty wild stuff about the appearance of a sacrilegious object in the Temple and about getting out of Dodge! These events are part of what is known as the tribulation, a seven-year period when sin and evil will run rampant in the world. **What significance does this have for us today?**

5. READ: Matthew 24:23-41

In verse 27, Jesus says, “For as the lightning flashes in the east and shines to the west, so it will be when the Son of Man comes.” NLT **What does Jesus want us to understand about his coming?**

In verse 36, Jesus says, “However, no one knows the day or hour when these things will happen, not even the angels in heaven or the Son himself. Only the Father knows.” NLT **Why is this important to keep in mind as we anticipate Jesus’ return?**

6. READ: Matthew 24:42-51 Be Ready for the Lord’s Coming

In verse 44, Jesus says, “You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.” NLT **How do we make sure we are ready for Jesus’ return?**

In Matthew 25, Jesus shares two more parables about being ready for His return. The point of these parables is we are to remain faithful to Him as we await His coming. **What does it mean for you to live faithfully as you anticipate Jesus’ return?**

PRAYER

This week let's pray for our Celebrate Recovery (CR) Canada ministry.

- Pray for the people that attended the CR Canada Online Conference Feb 26, that God would continue to encourage, strengthen them and guide them in their recovery journey, leading in CR and starting new groups.
- Grateful to have all 10 Provinces registered for the Get Connected CR Canada Online Conference; French interpretation, 20 from Cambodia and 8 other countries! Praising God. Thankful to God for the team that made it happen and every person in attendance.
- Pray for continued unity in the team across Canada and that God would provide for those looking for groups, where there currently aren't any.