



## Part 1

### Big Idea

This week, Pastor Chris started a new series called “What Time is it?” This speaks to the question we have all been asking. Are we living in the End Times? Will Jesus return soon? The truth is, whether the “end times” are here or not, you are living in your own end time. It is easy for each of us to become preoccupied with the question, “Are we living in the last days?” It is not by accident or oversight that the Bible does not define the “time” of the end. What it does describe in great detail is what our lives should look like as we live out our days on this earth. Perhaps we should take a lesson from God’s Word and focus on what He focuses on!

*After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven. - Acts 1:9-11*

### Discussion Questions

- “You don’t need to know what time it is, you need to know what to do with the time you have left.” Why do we get consumed with knowing “when the end will come,” and how does that distract us from God’s plan for us?
- Pastor Chris told us to, “Plan as though Jesus isn’t coming for 100 years, but live as though Jesus is coming today.” Discuss this approach with your group. Are you living your life to the fullest with heaven in mind?
- What does it mean to be “eternally focused”? What changes can we make in our lives to assure that we are “investing” our lives, not just “spending” them?

### Prayer Focus

God is in control and Jesus is coming again, but there is still a lot of work to do! Pray this week using 1 Peter 4:10-11 – “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.”

### Next Steps

People are the only thing we come in contact with that is eternal. Be intentional about developing relationships that will help you stay focused on what really matters.

### Leader Tip

Take time this week to speak to each member of your group and learn where they are in their spiritual journey. Gather their prayer requests and pray for them daily.