



Part 1: “Are We Living In The Last Days?”

Big Idea

A recent national poll indicates that as many as thirty percent of people in our nation are viewing world events in the light of biblical accounts describing world conditions that will take place in the “last days”. 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 when 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!

“But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar...Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be?”

- 2 Peter 3:10-11 NIV

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?
- If we have seen the moral decline in America that we have under the leadership of a generation in which 35% are Bible-based believers, what do you think the world will look like when it is led by a generation in which only 4% are Bible-based believers? What is our responsibility in the light of this trend?
- 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?

Next Steps

- Ask those closest to you to help you assess whether you are living a life that makes an eternal difference. Give them permission to be very open and honest in their assessment, and learn from them, not be offended by them.
- 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 that which really matters...others.

Prayer Focus

We must receive God’s grace if we are to effectively make a difference with the days God has entrusted to us. Enlist one member of your group to lead the group in prayer to remember God’s incredible expressions of His grace to each of them. Enlist another member of the group to lead the group in prayer to become effective “dispensers” of God’s grace to those in their personal spheres of influence.

Leader Tip

Share a story about someone you know whose life is making an eternal difference. Remember –the most powerful stories are about those who have made a difference in our own lives.