

Faith Lutheran Church-Collierville, TN

Discovering the Lutheran Faith Class

The END TIMES in One, Easy Lesson (sort of!)

OPENING QUESTION(S) –

- How do you feel... Optimistic, excited, afraid, uncertain, confident, hopeful, don't think about it much, pessimistic!
- **Complete – *If Christ does not return soon, the world will...***
- **What indicators do you see in our world and community that might lead you to suspect Christ is about to return?**

LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE – “The future is _____ business.”

- A word about APOCALYPTIC literature versus other genres...
- The “End Times” is like a giant _____ that’s missing some pieces –
 - What?
 - When?
 - Where?
 - Why?
 - How?

WHAT? The end _____ coming!

- **What 2 main thoughts do many think about the end of the world? Why?**
- Read Malachi 4:5. Even in the Old Testament there was always going to be “The _____ of the Lord.”
- **Why might you NOT want Jesus to return?**
 - ___ Finish school ___ Mess up my plans ___ Wanna make some \$
 - ___ It scares me ___ Want to get married ___ I’m not living right
 - ___ Want children ___ I’m not ready
 - ___ Family/friends not ready ___ Need more time with friends

WHEN?

- **Read Matthew 24:36.** Then why do so many make predictions?
- Read Revelation 20:1-3. What do many believe must happen before the final judgment?

- BUT Read John 12:31 (and 16:11). When was Satan “bound”?
- **If you knew for certain Christ would return next year, how would you live your life differently?**

WHERE?

- What are some views about the PLACE Christ returns?
- **Read Matthew 24:27, 30. (Also, Luke 17:24). What natural image does Jesus use to describe His return?**
- **What is significant about this image?**

WHY?

- **Read John 14:2, 3. For what purpose will Christ return?**
- Read John 5:24-29. The last judgment will really only be a _____ of a sentence already passed in our lives (Jn 3:18)
- Heaven =
- Hell =

HOW? (i.e. *What’s it gonna look like?*)

- Read Acts 1:11. What do the angels say?
- Read John 5:24-29. Who will be raised from their graves on the last day?
- Read 2 Peter 3:3-15. What natural image does Peter use?
 - **Why does God delay Christ’s return?**
 - **Read vs.10-13. What implication does Peter draw for the present Christian life? Complete – *Because Christ will return soon, Christians should...***
- A word about the rapture –

BOTTOM LINE

- **When was our “judgment day”?**
- **Read Romans 8:37-39.**