

## WHERE WILL THIS LEAD?

1. Of all the illustrations, metaphors, and Scriptures that we considered during this past week's study, which one spoke the most to you, and why?
2. Take a moment as a group to read aloud Matthew 24:3-14. In this passage Jesus predicts that many wars, famines, and ruptures of society will occur before He returns. Jesus instructs believers to not panic when these things happen (see verse 7). What should be the focus of our response when such things do happen? (see verses 13 & 14)
3. We learned this week that "Earth's tragedies are temporary, but Christ's victories are eternal." Is there a way for you to cement this idea in your mind in preparation for any future tragedies you may face?
4. Take a moment to read aloud 2 Peter 3:3-5. In this passage, note the words "promises" and "God's Word." How can we trust in God's promises, including Christ's return, and hold true to His Word? The idea of a scoffer is a person who mocks the truth. When mocking the truth becomes mainstream culture, how can we be sure that we do not get carried along in that cultural current?
5. Continue reading aloud in 2 Peter 3:8-15. How does this passage speak to you as a believer who is holding true to Christ? Is the object of hope in this passage earthly politicians or political change on earth? In verse 15, what are the specific actions we can take to prepare ourselves for Christ's return?
6. Based on the Scriptures we have read, John concluded this week's message by stating that:
  1. The world needs the church more than ever.
  2. The church needs Christ more than ever.
  3. Now is the time to go all-in for The Kingdom.Which of these three most spoke to you, and why?

7. Let's consider three specific ways each of us can go "all-in" for the Kingdom.

1. We can attend weekends consistently.
2. We can contribute financially to the wartime effort of God's Kingdom.
3. We can serve to help the church reach and train more people.

Take a moment to personally reflect; which of these three can you begin doing or increasing your commitment to? After a time of reflection, if comfortable, share which of the three you believe God is calling you to commit or re-commit to as you await His return and hold fast to His truth.

### **BONUS QUESTIONS:**

#### **Bonus 1 - Review from Week One:**

In week one we learned about 5 forces that are shaping the world today.

1. Humans are sinning.
2. Satan is scheming.
3. Ideologies are warring.
4. Western civilization is unraveling.
5. Christ and His Church are prevailing.

Have you noticed any one of these forces at work in your life or in the world during the last week? Has an awareness of these forces opened your eyes to world events?

#### **Bonus 2 - Review from Week Two:**

In week two of this series, we considered the question "Why are these things happening?" We learned about the Christian roots of Western civilization and the fruits of pursuing God's truth, and considered the implications of Western society's turning away from those foundations. Our biggest application was to ensure that we are pursuing the truth for ourselves and our children. During the last week, how has this gone for you and your family? Have you taken any opportunities to plant God's truth into your mind? Have you taken any opportunities to plant God's truth into the minds of your loved ones?