

The Second Coming

Main Scripture: Acts 1:4-9

Additional Scripture: Revelation 22:12, Revelation 22:20, 2nd Peter 3:1-12, Ezekiel 16:49-50

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Begin by asking your small group what their views on the second coming of Christ were before they heard Pastor Mike's sermon. Did that really consume a lot of their thinking? Did they just get used to people "crying wolf" about the second coming of Christ and not begin to not really worry too much about it? Discuss everyone's views and why they think about Christ's second coming in that way.
- Pastor Mike began his sermon with the point that if we really thought Jesus was coming back, something would be different. "Maranatha affects the way you live." In what ways do you think this is true? What are some ways that we would live differently if we *really* did believe that Jesus was coming back in our lifetime?
- "Before you change the world, you have to see it through eschatological eyes." What did Pastor Mike mean when he said this about seeing the world like the 1st century church when they thought Jesus was coming back in their lifetime?
- Pastor Mike fielded questions about what our congregation felt like what was important in regards to the upcoming election. Choose a few of the topics below and discuss them with you small group and the implications they have for a voting Christian:
 - What does it mean to be pro-life? Discuss how nuclear weapons, war, the death penalty, abortion, adoption and torture interplay with a Christian's stance on being pro-life.
 - **Read Ezekiel 16:49-50.** Ezekiel talks about five different things Sodom was judged for. Discuss each of these and how we as Christians should be aware of/combatting these in our own lives:
 - Pride, fullness of food, abundance of idleness, not strengthening the hand of the needy, sexual sin
 - What does it mean to strengthen the hand of the needy?
 - What should Christians, if at all, be saying about homosexual marriage? How does the 60% divorce rate of Christians play into what we do or do not say about homosexual marriage?
- Pastor Mike said that one of the enemy's core strategies is to get us attached to the things of this world. Think of the things in your life such as your house, car, 401k, relationships, job, etc. that can attach you to things of this world. How do you go about releasing yourself from these things? What part does Christ's second coming play in loosening the grip that the things of this world has on you?