

GROUPS

Week of 3-21-21

The following group discussion topics are from the third message in the series: "The End Times" at Stockbridge Community Church and was presented by Pastor Jeff Daws.

ICEBREAKER (If your group needs it) What's the most outrageous lie anyone has ever convinced you was true?

#1 Today we're going to talk through what to do while living in the end times. The first thing to do is to watch out for deception. Now, we aren't talking about little lies that cause minimal if any immediate harm. We're talking about outright deception on a grand scale. This level of deception will be intentionally planted by the enemy to turn Christians away from their faith. **What might that look like?**

#2 Our world is filled with deception and our kids are the most vulnerable to it. Being told that whatever they want to do is correct, even when it goes against the Word of God. They see it online, at school, and everywhere they look. Whatever makes me happy and feel good is okay and should never be called out as being sinful. It's up to parents and adults who love them to pastor them and teach them God's Word. **Does anyone have any experience they'd like to share that may benefit other parents in the group? If not a parent, even a niece, nephew, or kid that looks up to you?**

#3 The next thing to do while living in the end times is to remain calm and don't be alarmed. That probably sounds easier said than done. Let's pause for a moment and read the words of Jesus found in Matthew 24:6-9...

FOLLOW UP Here we see that these crazy things like wars, famines, etc. must come to pass and even though we cannot understand why, they are part of God's ultimate plan for redemption. **What are some things that you've seen lately and just wondered "Why does this have to happen God?"**

#4 The third thing we must do while living in the end times is to return to God. For some, this may mean returning to the weekly fellowship with God's people. For others, it could mean returning to your faith (or beginning a faith) entirely. For a follower of Jesus, the first step away from faith has traditionally been a step away from the family of God. **Why do you think our enemy wants to separate us from one another so bad? What might that strategy be?**

GROUP CHALLENGE LEADER: IF YOUR GROUP HAS NOT SELECTED AN EVENT FOR LOVE WEEK, NOW IS THE TIME TO TAKE A MOMENT AND DO SO.

#5 The fourth thing to do while living in the end times is to be a part of the revival that is happening in our world today. This means stepping up and making an impact. With this being our second-to-last meeting (with curriculum at least) means it's time to talk through what our Summer semester may look like. The summer semester runs from June-early August. **Is anyone willing to lead or host next semester?**

2021 Daily Declarations

I am a Christian that connects with God daily through prayer.

I am a Christian that grows by reading the Bible and connecting with God's people.

I am a Christian that serves in my church and my community.

I am a Christian that shares my faith and resources generously.

I am a Christian that exists to give people an opportunity for a better life through Christ.

Closing Prayer/Requests:

Announcements/Next Steps: Baptism is taking place soon! Sign-up with your group leader today to be baptized on March 28th!