

# THE BOOK OF MARK

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# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How have you seen the discussion of Christ's Second Coming create arguments and division amongst others? Does it create angst and worry for you at all?  
What is a healthier way to have this conversation or to think about Christ's return? Remember, when Paul was writing to the Thessalonians he told them that the conversation of Jesus' return should be an encouragement to us.
2. Consider again how most of the religious leaders and followers of God misunderstood the first coming of the Messiah. What implications were there as a result?
3. Now consider that we sit in a similar situation as we look ahead to the return of Jesus. What are the dangers in firmly fixating ourselves to a singular position regarding End Times theology?
4. If somehow you knew Jesus would return within the next month, week, day, etc. what would you do differently? (Now think, we are never guaranteed tomorrow...).
5. In the end, Jesus tells us to be ready for His return. Are you ready and excited for the return of Jesus? Why or why not?
  - a. What does it mean to live with urgency and longing for the return of Jesus?
  - b. This idea of "Watch" has more to do with looking up to the heavens for Jesus' return than it does down on the earth. How can this simple mindset adjustment change our perspective and what we allow our mind to dwell upon or worry about?
6. We discussed this idea of taking vacations/trips and how we get ourselves ready as well as those around us. Upon our death and the return of Jesus, we will take the most important trip forever. How are you preparing yourself and those around you for the return of Jesus?
  - a. Remember Jesus already came to save. He comes again to collect those that are His and judge the rest. The fate of those that are "unprepared" for Him to take them away is terrifying and sobering. How are you doing your part to encourage (not discourage) others while helping get them ready for Christ's return (Jesus referred to this as preaching the gospel to the nations)?
  - b. **Include Jude 1:21-23, Romans 10:13-15, 2 Peter 3:8-14 in your response as to what is at stake and how we should pursue others.**