

NewSpring Church Groups Guide

How to Survive the End of the World — Week 1 — Pack Your Bags

Many have attempted to set a date for the Lord's return despite His warning that date-setting is a waste of precious time. Instead of looking for hidden clues and codes we should see the obvious signs all around us and begin our preparations now. The bible says in Matthew 24:42-44,

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.”

Whatever the date, it is closer now than it has ever been. Are we a little too comfortable with our life? Are we prepared? Are we helping others to be prepared?

- In Matthew 24:4-14, Jesus explains to the disciples the signs of the end of the age. What do you see in our world today that would indicate that the end is near?
- Despite the despair we see all around us, how do we stay focused on the Savior rather than the signs? Where do you see the hope of Jesus in your everyday life?
- Is talking about the end times with your non-believing friend an effective way of sharing Christ with them? Why or Why not?
- There are many who have never shared their faith. How would you coach someone who is thinking of sharing their faith with a co-worker or friend?
- How does one prepare for the end of the world?

The obvious question is *“Are you prepared?”* If He came back today would you be ready? He didn't tell us about the End Times so that we would freak out but so that we would sell out to Him and commit to follow Him daily. Let's live our life in such a way that when He comes we don't need to apologize for how we are living!