

Sermon Discussion Guide

March 1 & 2, 2025 "How & When Will the World End?" Revelation 19:11-16

Life's biggest questions deserve thoughtful answers. In this sermon series, we'll explore foundational truths about faith, God, and our place in his creation. Together, we'll seek biblical wisdom to navigate life's complexities, deepen our understanding, and strengthen our trust in the God who holds all answers.

PRAY & CONNECT

Open in prayer and invite the Holy Spirit into your conversation. Ask God for wisdom and discernment and trust him to guide you. Take time to recap the message or view it on hopeonline.tv. Did you have any ah-ha moments where you felt convicted, compelled, or inspired during the sermon? What's been on your mind this week? Have you been able to apply the message to your everyday life?

GROW

Read Revelation 19:11-16 - "The Rider on the White Horse"

- How do you feel when you imagine Jesus returning as a victorious king? What emotions or concerns arise for you? How does this vision of Jesus compare to the way you've previously pictured him?
- What do you think it means that lesus is called "Faithful and True" in this passage? How does this reinforce his role in the end times?
- How does knowing Jesus is ultimately in control help you navigate global instability?
- What are some misconceptions people have about lesus' return, and how can you help clarify them?

Read Matthew 24:36-44 - "No One Knows the Day or Hour"

- How do you feel about not knowing when Jesus will return? Does the uncertainty cause anxiety or anticipation?
- Why do you think God kept the timing of lesus' return unknown? How does this passage challenge attempts to predict the end times?
- What does it mean to be spiritually ready for Jesus' return? How can you live faithfully in the present while preparing for eternity?
- What are ways Christians get distracted by speculation instead of action? How can you model a hopeful approach to Jesus' return?

Read <u>1 Peter 4:7-10</u> – "Living for God's Glory"

- What is your initial reaction to the phrase "The end of the world is coming soon"? How does this affect your priorities?
- How does this passage challenge the fear-based narrative about the end times? Why does Peter emphasize love rather than panic?
- How does using your God-given gifts to serve relate to preparing for Jesus' return? In what ways does service strengthen your faith?
- What does it look like to lead others toward peace and faithfulness rather than anxiety?

Read Revelation 21:1-5 - "A New Heaven and a New Earth"

- What emotions arise when you hear about a world with no suffering or pain? How does this promise impact your current struggles? What does it mean to truly hope in this future?
- Why is it important to see the end times as God's renewal rather than destruction? How does this passage challenge fear-based views of the apocalypse? How can you encourage others to see God's final plan as restoration?
- How does this passage shape your perspective on suffering and loss? What are some practical ways to hold onto this hope even in difficult seasons? How can you remind yourself daily of God's promises?
- How can you help others move from fear to trust in God's plan? What does it mean to be a leader who brings hope in uncertain times? How can you prepare your community to live as people of faith rather than fear?

APPLY

Pick one of the applications below to put into practice this week ...

- **Pray with purpose.** Set aside intentional time each day this week to pray specifically for God's kingdom to come, focusing on trusting his plan rather than fearing the future.
- **Practice radical love.** Identify someone you struggle to love, and take a step toward reconciliation or kindness, living out the deep love that 1 Peter 4 commands.
- Lead in hope. Find one person in your life who is anxious about the future and encourage them with the biblical truth of God's promises—whether through a conversation, scripture, or an act of service.

