#### What Do Christians Believe About the End Times?

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1. Death is not final.
2. The return of Jesus is promised.
3. Our resurrection is coming.
4. Judgement is certain.
5. Restoration of Heaven and Earth is coming.
Resource:
The Gospel Coalition - <u>99 Essential Doctrines</u>
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#### **Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion**

## 1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-8 and John 11:25.

From these verses, what can you KNOW about what happens to the believer after physical death?

Do you fear death? Why or why not?

What comfort or assurance do you find in this passage?

## 2. Read Matthew 24:4-31.

What thoughts or questions does this passage bring up for you?

Review verses 9-14. What warnings and words of encouragement do you find here?

#### 3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 and 1 Corinthians 15:35-44.

What hope do you find in these verses?

Write down what you can know from these passages about the resurrection of the dead and our heavenly bodies.

How do these truths make you feel about your future?

# **4. Read Revelation 20:11-15, 1 Corinthians 3:12-15, and 2 Corinthians 5:10.** Will believers be judged by the same criteria as those who don't know Christ? Explain your answer.

How will the works of believers be tested? What are the two possible outcomes?

In what ways are you working for the kingdom of God now?

Knowing that the quality of your work will be judged, is there something you might change about how you serve Him?

## 5. Read Revelation 21 and 22, and 2 Peter 3:9.

What new reality are you most looking forward to when God creates a new heaven and a new earth?

Why is God patient about the timing of Christ's return?

How concerned are you about those who don't yet know Christ? What does this reveal about how closely your heart is aligned with His?