

# **SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE**

## **THE LAST DAYS: UNCOVERING ESCHATOLOGY**

**October 3, 2021**

### **DISCUSSION 1: INTRO TO ESCHATOLOGY**

1. What are some of the common things that you think of when you hear of “end times” or eschatology?
2. Without feeling the need to argue for your side, do you have any leanings on eschatological views (millennium, tribulation, rapture, etc.)?
3. What are some things you’re hoping to learn about or grow in as we talk about eschatology in upcoming weeks?
4. What are some reasons we should care about eschatology and thinking about Christ’s return?

### **DISCUSSION 2: NOW AND LATER**

1. If we don’t ever think about Christ’s return or that the end is drawing near, how might that affect the way we live right now?
2. What are practical ways keeping in mind Christ’s return can help us now live with the future and eternity in mind, as well as a sense of urgency or alertness?
3. What do you think it looks like to live in such a way as to “be ready” (Lk. 12:4) for Christ’s return?
4. What do you think it looks like to have your “hope” (Rom. 15:4) set on something in the future or on something we are not yet experiencing in full?

### **DISCUSSION 3: LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY**

1. Why is thinking about the future not escapism?
2. What are ways someone might think about the future or eschatology that would be unhelpful, unhealthy, or imbalanced so they are not still faithful and engaged in the here-and-now?
3. What was one piece of hope or encouragement, one thing you can respond to or apply, or one challenging thought from this week’s message and the passages from Scripture read?

### **RESOURCES**

- [“6 Practical Reasons to Study Eschatology”](#) by David Murray at Ligonier.org
- [“Why the Last Things Matter for All of Life”](#) by Stephen Witmer at thegospelcoalition.org
- [“Views of the Millenium”](#) by Alan Bandy at thegospelcoalition.org (This provides a brief synopsis of the four primary millennial views, which will be talked about in weeks two and three of this series.)