

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE LAST DAYS: UNCOVERING ESCHATOLOGY

October 17, 2021

DISCUSSION 1: 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?
5. How should the knowledge of Christ's return shape our discipleship and evangelism? What does it look like to keep this in mind more often than we probably do now?
6. As we think about Jesus being king in the future, how should this cause us to reflect on whether we are following Jesus as king today?

DISCUSSION 2: MILLENNIUM

1. Which of the views on the millennium do you take or lean toward? Is that a strong or soft stance?
2. What are a couple of the arguments or reasons that have most convinced you of that position, or made the other positions more problematic in your mind?
3. What are some of the practical ramifications of how one views the millennium?
4. What did you think were the biggest strengths and weaknesses of the views presented on the millennium?
5. How does your view of the millennium affect your beliefs, worldview, thoughts, or actions?
6. 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 Millennium"](#) by Alan Bandy at thegospelcoalition.org