

LORD, ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING?

TODAY'S THEME: The Second Coming of Jesus is our serious message of salvation for sick and dying souls

SERIES QUESTION: Why the Church?

- ▶ The first and second comings of Christ explain the _____ of the Church.
- > We live _____ of His First Coming and we live _____ His Second Coming.

SERIES THEME and TEXT: To restore our confidence in and commitment to being the people of God -- I Peter 2:9, 10

TODAY'S QUESTION: Lord, are we missing something?

TODAY'S TEXT: I Peter 1:13 & 4:7

- ▶ The comings of Christ are the major _____ of the Bible.
- ▶ In the book of I Peter the return of Christ is mentioned directly or indirectly _____ times.

Questions → Does the reality of Christ's return dominate our minds?
 → Does the coming of Jesus _____ our daily lives and direct our decisions?

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST IS:

I. OUR SERIOUS MESSAGE FOR SERIOUS _____

I Peter 4:7 & 5:8

Question → Why is the message of Christ's Second Coming important?

A. THESE ARE SERIOUS TIMES

- > Science says so.
- > We see it in the _____ world.
- > We see it in _____ conditions.
- > We see it in _____ behavior.

Question → What do we do with all this bad news?

- > _____ it out with more noise.
- > _____ ourselves in diversions, games, pleasure.
- > _____ and go with the flow.

Question → What kind of message do serious times need?

B. SERIOUS TIMES NEED A SERIOUS MESSAGE

- > This is the message of the _____.
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- > This is _____ message.
 - Revelation 22:7, 12, 20
 - Many of His stories were about being ready for His return.
 - Luke 12:40
 - Some of his longest speeches.
 - Luke 21:34 -36
- > This is our message.
 - Church was created for the serious times called the _____ days or the _____ times.
 - This _____ began with the birth of the Church and will _____ with the return of Christ and resurrection of the Church.

- ▶ The Church's existence is a _____ to the First and Second Coming of Christ.

Today's Question → Lord, are we missing something?

- ▶ Jesus is constantly calling us back to the seriousness of our _____ and the urgency of this message!
 - I Peter 1:13,14 & 4:7

Question → Why would anyone take our message seriously if we don't?

THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS IS:

II. OUR _____ MESSAGE FOR SICK AND DYING _____

I Peter 1:8,9

A. THE HUMAN SOUL LONGS TO BE SAVED

- > With in _____ human being there is a soul that is _____ for more than this life can ever provide.
 - Every soul longs for a _____ that is greater than death.
 - Every soul needs to feel _____ in these dangerous times.
 - Every soul wants a deeper and lasting _____.
 - Every soul is looking for a _____ to celebrate.
 - Every soul was born for _____.
 - Every soul is broken, dying, and damaged by sin.

B. THE HOPE OF CHRIST'S COMING IS THE MESSAGE THAT SAVES SOULS!

- > Everything our soul longs for will be completed when Jesus comes again.
 - v.13 & 5:10,11

▶ Every soul was created to hear Jesus say, "I am coming soon" and I am coming for you!

CONCLUDING QUESTION: Church, have we been missing something?

▶ A Personal Question: **Are you missing something?**

KINGSWAY LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

OPENING: Have each person share their experience and understanding of the Second Coming of Christ.

- > When did you first realize and understand that Jesus is coming again? How did you respond? What did you do?
- > Have you ever hoped that Jesus would wait a little longer? Why?
- > Have you ever prayed, "Jesus come now!"? Why?

*Our Church believes that **"the second coming of Christ is personal and imminent"** and He will return at a time that no person can know. When He comes all Christians who have died will rise first to meet Him and then all the living believers will be taken up together with them. We believe His coming is always near and that every day should be lived in expectation of His return by spreading the Gospel and living a life of obedience.*

DISCUSSION: Make a list of all the ways that the reality of the Second Coming motivates us for living as a Christian. (I Peter 1:13,14)

- Take turns reading some or all of the following verses aloud.
- Read and listen without comment.

- Matthew 16:27; 24:27,36; 25:31,32
- Mark 8:38
- Luke 12:37,40; 21:34-36
- John 14:1-3
- Acts 1:11
- I Corinthians 4:5;
- Philippians 3:20,21
- I Thessalonians 4:15-18; 5:1,2
- II Timothy 4:1,2,8
- Titus 2:11-14
- Hebrews 9:27, 28; 10:25
- I Peter 1:13, 14; 5:4
- I John 3:2,3
- Revelations 22:7, 12, 20

CLOSING: How does the possibility of Jesus' return affect your thoughts, actions, and prayers for this week?