

WHAT TIME IS IT? Week 1

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

Have you ever been late for something important? What happened?

If you could time-travel, what event in history would you travel back to?

1 Chronicles 12:32 ^{NLT} "From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take." We too, should know and understand the signs of the time we are living in, so that we can respond the way we should. What are your thoughts about the times we are currently living in?

Jesus is coming back – no-one knows the day or the hour, however we have been told to be alert and to keep watch! Check out **Acts 1:9-11** and **Luke 2:25-28**. What do these verses say to you about the return of Jesus?

The return of Jesus is an encouragement to us in the way we view the times – check out **1 Thessalonians 4:15-18**. Whilst we live here on earth, this is not our destination – we should live with an eternity mindset. What is your concept of heaven? What do you think it will be like, and what do you think you will be doing there? There is a lot of ideas out there about heaven (angels, harps and clouds for example) - do your ideas align with what the Bible says about heaven?

The return of Jesus should prepare us for the way we live. Check out **1 Thessalonians 5:1-4**. This verse tells us that as followers of Jesus we live in the light, so should not be surprised when the Day of the Lord comes. What do you think these verses mean? Why should we not be surprised?

The return of Jesus should give us focus for the way we live our lives. Check out **1 Thessalonians 4:5-6**. What does it look like to be children of the light? How would you describe the way a child of the light should be living in these times?

The Bible provides us with plenty of answers when we consider how we should be responding to the fact that Jesus is coming back – 24 out of the 27 books of the new testament make mention of this topic! Check out **Matthew 24:37-44**. What are the implications of this verse for the people in your sphere of relationship?

Ps Marissa gave us three things we could do to live as people ready for the return of Jesus:

1. Think clearly – **1 Peter 4:7**
2. Focus on relationships – **1 Peter 4:8-9**
3. Make a difference – **1 Peter 4:10-11**

Which of these statements do you feel is strongest in your life? Which one do you need to work on? What is one thing you could do differently this week to respond in one of these areas?

PRAYER

Pray for wisdom to make positive choices in these times that we live in. Pray that we would be people who are prepared and ready for the return of Jesus!

Pray for opportunities to introduce people to Jesus!