





CURRENT EVENTS THROUGH A BIBLICAL LENS

SPECIAL MESSAGE REVELATION 21:1-8

Root yourself in God's Truth.

Life is crafted around stories and narratives, shaping our values and steering our decisions. Amid cultural tales like hard work leading to success, there exists a broader narrative—the divine metanarrative. From the initial curse to a new creation, God is redeeming humanity. Whether a follower of Jesus or not, understanding this overarching story provides perspective, anchoring gratitude and contentment in life's unpredictable events.

(10 min) PRAY

Spend some time together in prayer for our world, country, and community as we enter this new year.

(25 min) REFLECT

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through this week's lesson, consider these questions as a group and discuss them.

Read Revelation 21:1-8

1. From the reading of this passage; how does the Big Picture of God's story where He is redeeming humanity bring peace or fear into your heart?

Matthew 24:24 *"For false chirsts and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.*

2. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10. How can regular engagement with the truth that exists within the Bible help us navigate the challenges and uncertainties of the present moment with a future perspective? **Do you need to make changes in this area in the new year?**

3. As we tether ourselves to the story God. In what ways can we avoid being distracted by the chaos and maintain a sense of stability and purpose by staying connected to God's narrative?

WEEKLY MEMORIZATION VERSES:

2 Timothy 3:1 "But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty.

EXPERIENCING THE SPIRIT TOGETHER: Unfortunately more chaos is coming. Being grounded in the truth and being rooted in the coming of real hope, peace, joy and truth is a good start. But the second coming of Jesus has also been promised to us. Pray for everyone in your group to be prepared in their spirit for His Rapture that will happen in the twinkling of an eye.

(5 min) LIVE IT

What will you do differently this year than you did last year in your disciplines of reading, prayer and fasting, giving, and exercising your spiritual gifts?