

JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH PRAYERS

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH PRAYERS

Mark 14:38; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Romans 12:12; Psalm 42:8; James 5:13; Proverbs 15:29; Matthew 21:22

BIBLE VERSE: 1 PETER 4:7

"The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is coming soon.
- Our waiting is empowered by our prayers.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing when we cry, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

BIBLE PASSAGE: REVELATION 22:10-21; 1 PETER 4:7; LUKE 21:34-36

ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means "arrival" or "coming". During Advent season, God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save His people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for His return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the one true King, and He is coming again!

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Jesus has come and is coming again.
- At Advent, we remember His first coming to anticipate His return.
- We are called to wait faithfully for Jesus.



Every student should feel...

- Longing within their soul for the King.
- Dissatisfied by the things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.



Every student should strive to...

- Wait with purpose for the return of Christ.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who has come and is coming again.



Every student should want...

- Trust Christ in the everyday struggles of life.
- See and seek Jesus more than anything else this Christmas season.
- Tell others who are lost about the good news of the King.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how we pray while waiting for Christ's return. We will pray for Him to come quickly. We will practice faithful rhythms of prayer.

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Read and study Revelation 22:10-21 this week. Answer the following questions in your journal to guide your study:

- What do we learn about who Jesus is from these verses?
- Who are the blessed ones?
- Who are the Spirit and the Bride?
- What does it mean that the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come"?
- What should we learn from the warnings in verses 18-19?

Read and meditate on Revelation 22:10-21 this week. Consider the following questions to guide your meditation:

- Does your son or daughter believe that Jesus is coming soon?
- Consider the warnings about those "who love and practice falsehood." Where do you see that your student might be tempted toward this in their life? How can you help them grow in this?
- How do these verses lead you to pray for yourself and for your family?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask Jesus to help them be ready for His return.
- Pray with your student this week, giving God glory that He is the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.



Memorize Revelation 22:12-13 this week.

- Help your student begin a prayer journal for the new year. Be intentional to include prayers of adoration, of confession, of thanksgiving, and of supplication. Pray for Christ's return, and for your family's readiness for that day.