

JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH ANTICIPATION

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH ANTICIPATION

Revelation 22:20; Galatians 5:5; Hebrews 9:28; 1 Corinthians 3:11-14; James 1:12

BIBLE VERSE: 2 TIMOTHY 4:8

"Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."

BIG IDEAS

- Jesus is coming again to establish His kingdom.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing by holding fast to truth.
- Jesus followers love Christ's appearing over the present age.

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-8

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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder what it means to anticipate Christ's return. We will pray for hearts that love the appearing of Jesus. We will practice holding fast to truth and denying the fleeting pleasures of the present age.

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Read and study 2 Timothy 4:1-8 this week. Answer the following questions in your journal to guide your study:

- Go back and read 3:16-17. What is the truth that we are to hold fast to?
- What do we learn about God from 4:1?
- What does it mean to reprove, rebuke, and exhort?
- What does it mean for people to have itching ears? What does Paul warn that these people will do?
- How do we guard against becoming people who cannot endure sound teaching?
- What does it mean to be sober-minded?
- How should we fight the good fight?

Read and meditate on 2 Timothy 4:1-10 this week. Consider the following questions to guide your meditation:

- Do you know the difference between sound teaching and false teaching? How do you respond when you encounter difficult truths from Scripture?
- What distracts you from fighting the good fight and keeping the faith? How can you cast these things aside to love Christ's appearing faithfully?
- What tempts you to be like Demas, in love with the present world? How can you guard against this in your own life?



Set aside time to pray each day this week.

- Ask that God would help you to wait with anticipation for when Christ returns.
- Pray with your small group or parents this week, giving God glory that He is coming again.



Search through Scripture for all the times that it talks about Christ's second coming.

- Make a list of these in your journal.
- Pay attention this week to how much you think about Jesus' return as you prepare to celebrate Christmas. Do you think about it and talk about it as much as Scripture does?
- Have a conversation this week with someone, explaining why you celebrate Advent.