

# JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH PURPOSE

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH PURPOSE**

Titus 2:11-14; Leviticus 19:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Jude 21; 1 Corinthians 1:7

**BIBLE VERSE: 2 PETER 3:11-12A**

*"Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God..."*

**BIG IDEAS**

- Waiting for Christ's return reveals God's patience toward us.
- Jesus followers are diligent to live holy lives.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing by waiting on mission.

**BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 9:24-28; 2 PETER 3:8-18****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 live purposefully until Christ's return. We will pray for hearts that desire to pursue diligence in holiness. We will practice living on mission for Him.

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**Read and study 2 Peter 3:8-18 this week. Answer the following questions in your journal to guide your study:**

- Why does it matter that the Lord is patient towards us?
- What does it mean that the day of the Lord will come “like a thief”?
- What does this passage tell us will happen when Jesus comes again?
- What is the promise that we are waiting for?
- What do these verses tell us about how we should live while we wait?
- What does it mean to “count the patience of the Lord as salvation”?
- How should we guard against twisting Scripture to our own destruction?
- How do we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

**Read and meditate on Hebrews 9:24-28 this week. Consider the following questions to guide your meditation:**

- Consider Jesus, who is our better high priest. Do you live like He has sacrificed Himself for your sin?
- Meditate on Christ who has come once to bear the sins of many, and who will appear a second time to save those who are waiting for Him. Let this reality lead you to worship!
- What kinds of things are you typically eager for? What would it look like for you to eagerly wait for Christ’s return?



**Set aside time to pray each day this week.**

- Ask that God would help you to live for His purposes while you wait for the day when Christ returns.
- Pray with your small group or parents this week, giving God glory that Jesus has come once to bear our sins and will come again to save those who wait for Him.



**Make a list of the things that you are diligent to do.**

- Maybe this is a habit that you make sure to do every day, or maybe this is a goal that you are working hard to make sure you achieve.
- Next, write down how you are diligent to pursue your relationship with the Lord and your obedience to His Word. How does your diligence in your spiritual life compare to your diligence in other aspects of life? Make a plan for how you can grow in diligence in your pursuit of the Lord.