

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

'KEEP WATCH' WEEK 1

*While anyone can take time to answer these questions individually, these questions are best discussed in a group! Not in a group yet? We want you in one! Head over to **southeastchristian.org** to join a group in person or online, wherever you are - today!*

What are some of your favorite movies/shows that depict the end of the world? What kind of vision for the future do these stories present? When it comes to pop culture, how is the end of the world normally depicted? What brings it about? How do you think this has affected the way most people understand the apocalypse?

On a personal level, how do you feel when people start discussing the end times? Does it make you nervous? Uncomfortable? Hopeful? Why do you think you have this kind of response to the subject? How do you think your response compares/contrasts to other believers?

Read Matthew 24:3-14. What stands out to you as you read Jesus' description of the final days? What are some things we are supposed to "keep watch" for? How have these signs helped all generations prepare for His coming? How do they encourage us to "keep watch" in our own day?

Read Matthew 24:36. Jesus reminds us that the days and times for these things are not for us to know. How does this caution us about holding too tightly to our own interpretation of end times prophecies? How can we find unity with other believers on the reality of Christ's return even if we disagree on particular interpretations?

Read 2 Peter 3:8-14. In what ways is God's perspective on time different than ours? According to Peter, why does God show such patience? What does He want to see happen in the waiting? How should His patience motivate us to evangelism?

How should knowing the end is coming change the way we live today? What practical ramifications does Peter give us? How does the reality of the end motivate us to live "holy and godly" lives? Why does it make us "peaceful"? How does it push us towards "pure and blameless" living?