

STONEBRIDGE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Week #1, God We Need to Talk

Note to the Host: *Thanks for leading your group, creating community, and caring for your people! Remember, this is your group, and you have the freedom to navigate the conversation that best fits your group's dynamic. People come first!*

ICEBREAKER:

If God sent an angel to you as a believer today and revealed that the world would end in one year - but also that the world as a whole would not know (and if told - would not believe) - what are three to five things you would do in that last year?

TALK IT OVER:

These questions are based off the sermon that took place on Sunday. Feel free to revisit any of the scripture that was discussed in the message. Answer as many questions as your time allows; don't feel pressed to get through them all!

1. Have there been any events in your lifetime have made you ask yourself, 'Could this be a sign or a factor that leads to the end of our world?'
2. Many religious (and secular) people have predicted an imminent end to our world. What events do you recall people pointing to as signs of the end of the world?
3. If Jesus chooses not to return first, do you think it's likely that life as we know it could continue on earth for another 10,000 years? Why or why not?
4. Have you known of people who are "preppers" who have taken specific measures to prepare themselves and their families for the breakdown of society and end of the world? If so, share some specifics.
5. On the one hand, Jesus tells us in Matthew 28:36-44 that no man will be able to correctly predict the time of Jesus return. But on the other, the Bible tells us to expect his return at any moment. As believers, how "should" we respond to these two teachings, (but in reality - how "do" we respond?)
6. Jesus will return physically to earth in the same way that he left. (Acts 1:6-11) While there are differing views of what will happen from that point on, what is your current understanding of how the end times will unfold?
7. Since all people will stand before Jesus – either at their death – or after his return, share the things that each of us should do to prepare ourselves for his return.

PRAYER:

Please don't stress about the time of prayer, pray however your group feels comfortable. This can either be one person pray, or you can go in a circle and have each person pray a few sentences. Be sure to change it up so your prayer time stays fresh in your group!

- Make sure that everyone has a chance to share!
- Encourage all praise reports! Celebrate what God has done!
- Have someone record and distribute the requests to your group, to pray over throughout the week.