



## Culture Shift – The End Times Week 6

### Announcements

**401 Small Group Training** – October 26th at 5:00 pm at the Little Creek Campus. Take your final step in Pathway and get equipped to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus as you fulfill the Great Commission to “*go and make disciples.*” For more information email [smallgroups@churchoftheking.com](mailto:smallgroups@churchoftheking.com).

**101 Starting Point** – November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm at all campuses. Whether you’re new or have been coming for a while, this is your place to meet some of our pastors, learn who we are and what we believe. A casual dinner will be provided! For more information email [pathway@churchoftheking.com](mailto:pathway@churchoftheking.com)

### Warm-up

Are you someone who tends to listen to directions? Why or why not?

Today we are going to discuss what we need to **know** and **do** as we live with the reality that Jesus is coming back. Our discussion is going to be focused on eschatology – the study of end times; the final events of history.

### Word and Application

When you think of the “end times” what thoughts and emotions do you have?

The thought of the world as we know it coming to an end can cause anxiety in people who do not understand the hope we have in Jesus.

**Read Daniel 12:1.** What does the last sentence in this verse tell us will happen to all who believe Jesus is Lord and Savior?

*“And at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.”* Daniel 12:1

Even in the uncertainty of our culture we can be assured that all who believe in Jesus, as their Lord and Savior will be delivered.

How does this assurance bring confidence and peace to you even though we live in uncertain times?

**Read Daniel 12:8-9 and Matthew 24:36.** These verses tell us that even though we can have a glimpse into the end times, it will remain somewhat of a mystery to us until it actually happens. Therefore, we need to make sure we keep our focus on what we need to do, as the day of Jesus’ return gets closer.

Here are three things we need to be aware of as we get closer to the final days:

### 1) Keep Sowing

**Read Acts 1:7-8.** God will give us the power to reach people with his love and the good news of eternal life. It is our purpose to share the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ with those with whom we have influence.

How is God using you to share the good news of eternal life in Jesus Christ with people in your life?

### 2) Keep Serving God and people

**Read Mark 10:45.** Jesus gives us the example of how we should approach life in order to make the greatest impact – we must serve.

How can you serve in order to make a difference in this world? How will this affect where people spend eternity?

### 3) Keep standing

**Read Ephesians 6:13.** We need to *“put on the full armor of God...”* in order to be able to follow God and not our shifting culture.

How can your decision to stand for God impact the people you come in contact with on a regular basis?

What has God spoken to you about during our discussion today? How will this impact you and those you come in contact with this week?

## Prayer

Pray for everyone in your small group to learn to trust God to help them stand strong in the midst of a cultural shift. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.