

## Community Group Discussion Questions

“The Unknown Day” Revelation 22:20 May 18, 2019

### Getting Started

The last book in the Bible, Revelation, is one of the most read, and most confusing of all books. It has imagery, symbols, and end-times events that even Bible scholars can't always agree about. Yet, its message is very simple. Jesus is returning from heaven to earth to make all things new.

What do you understand about this?

How does it excite you?

How does it worry you?

### Going Deeper:

**His Return was Clearly Stated:** *“I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.”* John 14:3

1. It will be Public: (Rev. 1:7)
2. It will be Personal: (Acts 1:11b)
3. It will be Purposeful: (Matthew 16:27-28, Jude 14)

**Principle:** Live Hopefully!

The idea of Jesus' return is not something the early Christians made up. Jesus Himself said it several times, and it was repeated by angels to the disciples as they saw Him ascend to heaven after His resurrection. No one will fail to see Him when He returns! How do you think you will feel when you see Jesus?

**His Return Date is A Secret:** *“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”* Mark 13:32

1. Prevents Idleness (1 Thess. 5:6)
2. Promotes Readiness (Titus 2:11-13)

**Principle:** Live Ready!

If we knew the exact day of Jesus' return, I think a lot of people would try to live the lie that they can pursue all the fun and sin they want, then repent right before Jesus gets here. That silly belief assumes that sin is more fun than righteousness, and that living right is boring and lame. Yet, those of us who walk each day in fellowship with Jesus know of the peace and joy that we live with. We want to live ready, ready for His sudden return. **Are there any things in your life and the way you spend your time that need to be tweaked so you are living ready?**

**His Return Is Predicted By Signs:** *“Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be accomplished?”* Mark 13:4

1. Political Unrest (Matthew 24:6)
2. Pestilence Unending (Matthew 24:7)
3. Powerful Upheavals (Matthew 24:7)
4. Preaching is Unbiblical (2 Timothy 4:3)
5. Pursuit of Unrighteousness (2 Timothy 3:1-5)
6. Persecution by Unbelievers (Luke 21:17)

**Principle:** Live Attentively!

If you keep up with international news, you will realize that all of these things are happening now to some degree in many places. That should lead us to realize that His return could be imminent!

**His Return Will Be Sudden:** *“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.” 1 Cor. 15:51-52*

1. Bold Proclamation (1 Thess. 4:17)
2. Bodily Resurrection (1 Cor. 15:53)

**Principle:** Live Expectantly!

When Jesus returns, it will be instantaneously. There will be no more time to think about whether or not you believe in Him as Savior. The Apostle Paul communicated the urgency of believing the Gospel: “I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor. Now is the day of salvation!” (2 Corinthians 6:2) There is a window of opportunity to accept God’s salvation, and we do not know when that window will close.

Are you ready to meet Jesus?

Are you absolutely certain that you belong to Jesus, and that He is your Savior?

**His Return Forever Defeats Satan:** (Rev. 20:10, 2 Thess. 2:8)

1. Judgement Seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10)
2. Great White Throne: Revelation (Rev. 20:10)

**Principle:** Live in Victory!

Living in a world with 24 hour news can easily make us jaded because of all the evil that is out there. We are constantly bombarded with negativity and the worst offenses of humans against other humans. It can start to seem like evil always wins and good will never take the day. But the return of Jesus promises that righteousness will prevail and Satan and all his evil schemes will perish forever.

**Take Away:** His return requires your being sure! (Rev. 21:27)

**Prayer:**