

Real Christianity: The Sermon on the Mount

#27: Anticipating God's Kingdom

Matthew 6:10

Pray this way: Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored, may your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Matt 6:9-10 NET).

The bad news about the Endtimes

(Matt 24:7-9, 21-22; Rev 13:5, 7-8, 10)

The good news about the Endtimes

“All these are the beginning of birth pains” (Matt 24:8; John 16:21; Acts 14:22; Rev 22:20; 21:1-5, 7-8)

Are the Endtimes near?

(Rev 18:2-3; Matt 6:24; Gen 18:20-32; Hosea 8:7)

Life Group Discussion ?'s

- 1) What tempts you to be afraid of the Endtimes?
- 2) What are some reasons God will allow the Church and World to experience the “birth pains” of the Endtimes?
- 3) It is popular today to teach that the Church is “raptured” or rescued from the Earth before the Antichrist is on Earth. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. Note especially the topic in verse 1, and the statement in verse 3. How does this disprove popular views of the Endtimes?
- 4) Read Matthew 24:29-31. This is describing Christ's Return and the “Rapture” or rescue of the Church. But according to verse 29, what must come before these events?
- 5) How do you feel about going through the “beginning of birth pains” and the Greatest Persecution? How do you feel about your children going through it? What helps you to trust God about this?
- 6) What are some things you are looking forward to when the kingdom of God rules a new Earth?
- 7) If you are a parent, what are some things you have done, or are doing, to help your children be strong Christians?