

Sermon Study Guide –

2 Peter 3:11-18

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Title: **“Where is this Coming? pt.3”**

Sermon Idea: Live with the end in mind.

Key Points:

1. Be Devoted – Focus on the Promise of New Creation. (vv.11-13)
2. Be Diligent – Focus on the Word of God. (vv.14-16)
3. Be Discerning – Focus on the Person of Christ. (vv.17-18)

What do I want people to know? I want people to know that Jesus will return to judge the world and that believers must live their lives in light of this promised reality.

What do I want people to do? I want people to (1) steward their lives in view of eternity, (2) keep clear consciences, (3) commit to deeply pursuing intimacy with Jesus.

What need am I addressing? I am addressing the need for living a godly life in light of God’s promised return.

Recommended Resources: *“Heaven,”* Randy Alcorn; *“Surprised by Hope,”* N.T. Wright

Intro: Andre gave the example of a wedding rehearsal where people begin where they’ll eventually end up at the wedding ceremony. Can you think of another example of where you need to “being with the end in mind?”

Dig:

Day 1: 2 Peter 3:11-18 makes some conclusions about how to live in light of the return of Jesus. What key verbs do you see in these verses? How should we live in light of the coming judgment?

Day 2: Isaiah 65:17-25 is one example of an Old Testament promise regarding the creation of a new heavens and new earth. How does God describe this new creation? Does this excite you? Why or why not?

Day 3: 2 Peter 1:3-4 are the theme verses for the book of 2 Peter. Work hard to make logical connections between the phrases in these verses. What role do the promises of God play in our discipleship. What are some of these promises?

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 3:17 is one of Paul’s key teachings. How can this verse, when taken out of context, be twisted? How does the context help us understand what “freedom” means?

Day 5: John 5:39 is part of Jesus’ rebuke of the Pharisees. What does He say about the Scriptures? Peter has stressed dwelling deeply in Scripture. How do you reconcile these two teachings (and avoid twisting!)

Apply:

- Evaluate your spending and calendar habits. Do you pray and seek God’s will in these areas or just rely on your own will?
- Commit to spending a set amount of time each day in God’s Word. Use a Bible reading plan to help you stay focused.
- Remember that even demons know Scripture! The goal is to know Jesus personally! Talk to Him as you read the Bible and let Him talk to you!

Pray: Dear Jesus, You are amazing! Thank You for coming to earth. I look forward to Your return. To You by the glory in my life!
