

DIGGIND DEEPER (cont.)

1. It is important to be prepared for Christ's return as we have noted on previous page. It is equally important to be prepared to live as a disciple of Christ as we engage in the ministry God has given us. Read Matt. 10:5-15 and consider the following questions:
 - Consider Christ's ministry preparation speech. What expectations were placed on the disciples?
 - Why was this pep talk important for them to hear? What hurdles or distractions would hold them back from effective ministry?
 - What do Christ's words mean for us today? How do they encourage you or challenge you?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Preparation for future events and activities is essential. How is God asking you to prepare yourself for spiritual growth and ministry participation?
2. Knowing that Christ could return at any moment, briefly describe how you want to live your life as a Christian.

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Series: "Finding Hope When Life Throws You A Curveball"

Message #6: "When God Throws the World a Curveball"

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MESSAGE NOTES:

What impact should knowing about Jesus' return have on you?

- You should not be surprised.
- You should be alert.
- You should be controlled in your lifestyle.
 - Self-control gives you the power to say "yes" to the right things and "no" to the wrong things.
 - Self-control is one of the keys to prayer in your life.
 - How do you make self-control work in your life? Put on these three things: faith, hope and love.
- You should be an encourager.

A message for believers...

There is work to be done.

A message for unbelievers...

A storm is coming.

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK:

QUICK REVIEW

As a Life Group, recall the four truths about the second coming that should impact your heart. Which truth is the most relevant and personal to you as a follower of Christ? Why?

MY STORY

1. If you had to suddenly flee your home and all you could take with you is a backpack full of supplies for the next 30 days, what would you take with you?

2. Share a moment in your life when you felt like you needed to prepare yourself for a particular future event. What was the motivation for your preparation? Was your preparation worth it?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Go a little deeper with I Thess. 5:1-11 and answer these questions:

- 1 Thess. 5:1-2: Why does nothing need to be written about the “times and seasons”? Why is this important for us to keep in mind?

- 1 Thess. 5:3: What is the purpose of Paul’s comments in verse 3? In other words, what point is Paul trying to make by using such dark imagery?

- 1 Thess. 5:4-10: What does darkness and light have to do with the Day of the Lord? How should “children of the light” live as “ones called to live in the light”?

- 1 Thess. 5:11: How is encouragement of others connected to hopeful anticipation of Christ’s imminent return?

- In your own words, summarize the central idea of I Thess. 5:1-11.