

Sermon Notes

HIStory and Your Story

November 2-3rd, 2019

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **HIStory and Your Story**
- This series we go through the major events and people of the Bible. (We will miss a lot!!)
 - o Read your Bible for yourself. If you believe it and do it, your life will change for the better.
- **Today: The Second Coming of Christ**
- The idea isn't just that when we die we go to heaven, but that Jesus is coming back here!!! **Act 1:9-11**
 - o The first time Jesus came he came to open the door to the Kingdom of God through redemption.
 - o At the Second Coming Jesus will rule in power!! **Revelation 19:11-16**
- **Our job is to be ready!**
 - o If you knew Jesus was coming in about a year, what would you do?
 - o Urgency of the early AG. From 300 leaders in 1914 to 190 countries and 69 million members!
 - Now wisdom (mixed with complacency) pushes out sacrificial urgency. Not so good.
 - o How can we get back the urgency but keep the wisdom??
- Let's look at Matthew 24-25. Some deep stuff (Ch24) followed by Eschatology for Dummies (Ch25).
- Excerpts from Matthew 24:
 - Church is kind of in a shambles. **Matthew 24:10-13**
 - Anti-Christ. **Matthew 24:15**
 - Great Tribulation. **Matthew 24:21**
 - Christ's Return. **Matthew 24:30**
 - Rapture. **Matthew 24:40-41**
 - People called to account. **Matthew 24:42, 46, 51.**
 - o Seems like everyone disagrees about the details, but Jesus is coming back so be ready!!
- Eschatology for Dummies. Matthew 25, three simple ways to keep watch and be ready!
 - o My plan is simple...Gable grip.
 - o Three lessons from Matthew 25:
 - 10 Virgins. Be ready to last. (Matthew 25:1-13)
 - They all prepared, they all fell asleep, only half had enough oil.
 - Talents. Get some work done while you wait. (Matthew 25:14-30)
 - Rewards for those who multiply. Those who believe but do nothing are in danger.
 - Sheep and Goats. Treat people right/love people. (Matthew 25:31-46)
 - Jesus takes how we treat the least of these very personally.
- **Hebrews 10:19-25**
 - o We are cleansed and can approach God because of Christ's sacrifice for us.
 - o 3 Part Pledge from Matt 25:
 - 1) To persevere to the end.
 - 2) To love God by continuing Christ's work in His name.
 - 3) To love people, even the least of these.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!