

## TALK IT OVER

### The King is Coming

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Open your group in prayer and remember that this is only a guide. Feel free to discuss each of the questions provided or simply dive deeper into just one. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the Three Essential Questions at the end of the document.

### Scriptures

Matthew 24:48, Matthew 25:1-2, 6, 8, 10, Luke 2:25, 38, Luke 12:35-37, 1 Corinthians 1:7, Ephesians 5:5-6, 15, Philippians 3:18-20, Philippians 4:5, Colossians 3:1-2, 2 Timothy 4:8, Hebrews 9:28, James 5:8, 1 Peter 4:7, 2 Peter 3:3-4, 8, 1 John 2:24, 27-28, 1 John 3:2-3, 24, Jude 1:4, Revelation 1:3, Revelation 2:26-28, Revelation 3:11, Revelation 16:15, Revelation 19:7-8, Revelation 22:7, 12,

### Questions

1. Simeon was counted righteous, devout, and eagerly waiting for the Messiah. Out of the three listed characteristics, which one could use improvement in the Christian walk?
2. The Bible talks about Jesus' second coming hundreds of times, showing how important it is. Why do you think many Christians know more about Jesus' first coming than His second coming? How could learning about His return change the way we live today?
3. Many religious leaders missed Jesus when He first came, but Simeon and Anna lived every day expecting God to keep His promise. What does it look like to live with that same kind of expectation?
4. How do we live like he is coming today yet also plan like he's coming in 500 yrs? What gets your attention too easily? How does it hinder your readiness for Jesus' return?
5. When Anna saw Jesus, she shared the good news with others. Why do you think eagerly waiting on God often prepares us to tell others about Him? Who is someone you could encourage by talking about Jesus this week?

6. As a group, read the Parable of the Ten Virgins as told in Matthew 25:1-13. Similarly, in Luke 12:35-36, Jesus reminds us to stay dressed, keep our lamps burning and be eagerly waiting for the master to come. Which of these three instructions is easiest or hardest for you, and why?
7. The opposite of eagerly waiting is becoming careless and comfortable. What are some warning signs that someone is drifting spiritually? Why do you think so many people in Jesus' day missed His first coming despite knowing the Scriptures? How could similar blind spots exist in the Church today?
8. Jude 1:4 tells us that some ungodly people have crept into our churches to deceive. How do we avoid falling prey to the false teaching that grace can be used as an excuse to live sinful lives?
9. What are some practical steps we can take to encourage each other while we wait for the King's return?

### Three Essential Questions

The following questions are intended to be open-ended and encourage members to consider how they and what they, or the group, can do as a result of hearing the message.

1. **What did you hear?** *What point in this message was most impactful for you?*
2. **What do you think?** *How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?*
3. **What will you do?** *How will you or your group put into practice what you've learned today?*

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