

# THE RETURN OF JESUS CHRIST

## Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

## OVERVIEW

- What is one thing all major religions have in common?
- What was Paul telling the Thessalonians about the end being near?
- Why was this important for the new believers?

## Why do people MISSINTERPRET THE PROPHETIC WORDS?

- What do we learn from *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14* about end times?
- What is the difference between the Jewish religious leaders and their belief about Jesus as the Messiah and the Christian belief?
- What do we learn from *Isaiah 53:1-12* about the first-time Christ came?
- What did God promise Adam and Eve in *Gen 3:14-15*?
- What can we learn about prophetic scripture and how is it fulfilled from *Micah 5:2*?
- What is learned from *Matt 2:1-7*?
- How does Jesus answer in *John 5:30-47*?
- Why did the Jews misinterpret the prophetic scripture?
- Why did they not understand what God said?
- What did the Jews say about Jesus as their King in *John 19:14-16*?
- What is Paul telling the Thessalonians about the coming of the Lord in *1 Thess. 5:2-3*?

## **Why do people MISINTERPRET THE PROPHETIC DETAILS?**

### **1Thess 5:1-3**

- Why did Paul tell the Thessalonians additional information about “the times and seasons” of Christ’s return?
- What do we learn from the following verses about “the day” that Jesus will return?
  - *Matt. 24:36-42*
  - *Mark 13:32-33*
  - *Acts 1:6-7*
- Why do people misinterpret the prophetic details?
- Pastor shared Paul’s transition in *1 Thess. 5:1* by using two small Greek words “PERI” AND “DE” which English translation says “now concerning.”
- What is the difference in Paul’s teaching between *1 Thess. 4:16-17* and *1 Thess. 5:1*?
- What is the difference between the way born again believers and the way non-believers look at the coming of the return of Jesus Christ?
- Discuss the “minor details” in Scripture that Pastor shared that are mostly missed when they read the Prophetic Word.

## **Why do people MISINTERPRET THE PROPHETIC PROMISES FOR THE CHURCH**

### **1 Thess. 5:4-11**

- How did Pastor explain church attendees and their actions and still walking in Spiritual darkness?
- What is *Col. 1:13-14* telling us about being delivered from darkness?
- What does *1 Thess. 5:6-7* tell us about who the people are who live in the light?
- How are they armed?
- How does Paul encourage those who walk “IN LIGHT?” (*v. 11*)

## **APPLICATION**

- Since there are so many different views on prophecy, how can we be certain enough about it for it to affect our daily lives?
- Since Jesus taught that His coming will happen after many different signs, why does He tell us to be alert, since we don’t know the day or hour?
- Shouldn’t we know the general time?
- Is there a brother and sister you can encourage to finish strong?
- Is there a brother or sister that you can speak words of hope and affirmation into their lives?