

# REVELATION

breaking the code

## Big Idea

Pastor Curt – Part 1

Are we living in the last days that the Bible talks about? Every generation since Jesus' time on earth thought that they were living in the last days. This week, Pastor Curt kicked off a new series and shared an encouraging word about the end times. In the midst of the confusion and chaos that our world is experiencing, we can turn to God's Word for a Biblical perspective and find peace about what's to come. While we don't know if we are in the last days we do know the Bible tells us there will be clear signs that the end is near. They are 1) people will be distracted by life with a focus in this world, 2) people will forget God, and 3) people will not be ready.

Pastor Curt said, "You don't need to know how much time is left in this world, you need to know what to do with the time you have left!" So, what should we do? Pastor Curt's goal for this series is found in 1 Chronicles 12:32 - "(The men of Issachar) ... understood the times and knew what Israel should do." Here are four actions we should take as we live in these times: 1) think clearly, 2) focus on my relationships, 3) use the gifts God has given me, and 4) receive God's grace and grow in it. That is how we should live now because we could be living right now in the last days.

## Discussion Questions

- The People react to a last days message in these four ways: avoid it, love it, confused by it, wonder about it. Which describes you? Do you think we are in the last days? Why? Read 2 Peter 3:3-10 and discuss what this passage tells us of the last days.
- What questions have current events caused you ask? How does God's Word answer these questions?
- PC gave us three signs that the end times are near. The first one was that people will be distracted by life; he described it as a "Me focus" and asked this question: How much of this world are you focused on versus how much of the heavenly world are you focused on?

## Prayer Focus

Jesus, I worship and celebrate You today! I believe You are worthy, and I am so grateful that one day I will see You face to face. In these uncertain times, help me to think clearly so that I can represent you well this week. Help me to grow in my faith and use what you have given me as I face uncertain days.

## Next Steps

Discussing the end times can be a heavy subject for some people. Intentionally encourage your group members with the steps shared in Sunday's message. Share steps that you have taken that can help your group members grow closer to Jesus during this study.

## Leader Tip

Encourage your group members to exchange numbers and connect throughout the week. • Encourage your group members to go through the Growth Track