

# THE LORD WILL RETURN

## CENTRAL TRUTH

As we study a passage in 2 Peter this week, we will be reminded of Jesus's second coming, a truth that a group of false teachers denied and mocked. However, believers are called to cling to the promise of Jesus's second coming. **As Jesus's followers, we must live expecting His return.**

## KEY QUESTION

- **Why is Jesus's return good news for believers? How can we remind ourselves of this promise?**

For the believer, Jesus's return is good news! His return will bring judgment, yes, but it will also bring renewal. God's people await a day when evil is punished and we're free from the presence of sin to enjoy eternity with the Lord and His people forever. Because Jesus will return, we can have hope today.

## KEEP IN MIND

- I The promise of Jesus's return should motivate us toward expectancy and urgency. We all have people in our lives who do not follow Jesus, and this week's passage reminds us that we should pray for them and look for opportunities to share the hope of the good news. Encourage students to think about who these individuals might be in their own lives.
- I In this letter, Peter references the apostle Paul's teachings and even admits that they are sometimes difficult to understand. Allow Peter's words to bring relief to the students in your group. Identify any helpful tips or insights that have shaped the way you read the Bible, and come ready to share them with students.

## APPLICATION

- ↻ **How can we ask the Lord to help us live with a sense of urgency as we await His return?**

## THE WIN

**FOR THE STUDENT:** Point out to students that we must cling to the hope of Jesus's return. In light of this promise, we're called to lead holy lives and point others to the hope we have in Christ.

**FOR THE LEADER:** The end of the world is portrayed in shows, movies, and games often in very terrifying ways. As your group engages with this week's passage, remind students that believers can look forward to and be excited about Jesus's return.

## 7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?