

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
What's Ahead for Us?
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Small Group Study for Week of August 8-14

The Big Idea

We live in challenging times just before Christ comes again. While keeping our relationship with God strong, we would be well advised to know what the Bible teaches us about the foundations/biblical basis' for how we are to live.

Group Reads: Group reads Revelation 12: 13-17, and 13:11-14

Context: These verses are in the context of the last days, in the days when according to Revelation 12:13-17 the devil (verse 9) is seeking to destroy God's last people just before Christ comes. Chapter 13 outlines the dragon (false Father God,) first beast (false Jesus Christ,) and second beast (false Holy Spirit) seeking to control and deceive the world.

Questions:

- *1. Why do we need to be warned about religious powers that do signs and miracles?
(Group can read Matthew 7:21-23 to compare)
- *2. Why are we influenced by what we see, hear and touch? What does it tell you that in Matthew 7:21-23 there are people who do miracles, prophecy and cast our demons in the name of Christ and Christ doesn't know them?
- 3. What is the significance in the fact that the only other time, before Christ comes in the New Testament that fire comes down from heaven is on the day of Pentecost, Acts 2.

Group Reads 2 Timothy 4:1-4

- 4. Why do you think there are Christians today, who don't want to study or know the doctrines found in the Bible?
- *5. Discuss, what do you think the key doctrines are. Why?
- *6. What are we doing to make sure we know the key doctrines of the Bible.
- *7. Can you think of a few key doctrines and then discuss how they impact how you live? Eg: How does what you belief about hell impact your understanding of God, others? Sabbath, soul sleep, etc
- 8. Anything else from these verses?

Group reads Romans 12:1,2

*9. How can we be conformed to this world, give examples and how can we be transformed by the renewing of our minds, give examples?

10. Why is your mind so important? How does that impact what we have learnt in this study?

11. How can we protect and use our minds most effectively?