

## Sermon Questions

### 2 Peter 3:10-13

#### “It’s the End of the World as We Know It”

1. Pastor Tom mentioned that there are many signs all around us of the coming end. All one needs to do is turn on the news or read the headlines of the newspaper. How do current events point us to the coming of Christ?
2. Review the following passages Pastor Tom highlighted in his sermon regarding the Day of the Lord. (Isaiah 13:6-11; Joel 1:15, 2:1, 11, 30-31; Zephaniah 1:7-8, 14-15). Discuss how these OT prophets describe the Day of the Lord.
3. Peter mentions that the Day of the Lord will appear suddenly (See 2 Peter 3:10-11). Read also Matthew 24: 42-44; 25:13; Luke 12:40; Titus 2:12-13; Hebrews 10:25; and James 5:7-9. How should we wait for Christ’s return and how does the return of Christ in the future impact our daily lives now?
4. Pastor Tom mentioned that we typically don’t like the “fire and brimstone” language and imagery, but this seems to be exactly what Peter is using in v. 10-11. Read Romans 2:4-5. Why is it necessary for people to hear not only about the kindness of God in Christ but *also* about God’s wrath and coming judgment?
5. Read 2 Peter 3:12-13 and Revelation 21. Why can believers be encouraged at the Day of the Lord? How does the apostle John describe the new heavens and new earth?
6. Pastor Tom mentioned that there are two possible reasons that the Day of the Lord may scare us as believers. First, we may know many people who do not know Jesus Christ personally. Second, we may be holding on to the things of this world too tightly. Discuss some ways in which we can share Christ with our family and friends. In addition, how can we loosen the grip of material items on our lives?
7. Take some time to pray together. Pray for family and friends who you know are far from Christ. Pray that God will soften their hearts to receive His love. Ask God for boldness and opportunities to share Christ with them. Take some time as well to rejoice for our certain future. Think about the new heavens and new earth and how glorious it will be to spend eternity with our Lord and Savior!