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Your group matters.

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What is your favorite group or team you have ever been a part of, and why?*

1. Pastor Tom pointed out that when people ask if "good things are going to come true," they are really asking about where the world is headed and what their life's destination is. Have you encountered people asking these questions, and how have you answered them?
2. "The main point of eschatology is all about the problem of evil and how that problem will be solved." How have you struggled with solving the problem of evil in your world?
3. Evil..."at its foundation is a violation of God's law, truth, will and purpose...(has) a spiritual source...and is so pervasive in the human family that while not everyone's sins are identical, the consequence of everyone's sins is identical." Read [John 8:44](#); [Jeremiah 17:9](#) and [James 1:13-15](#); [2:10](#). How do these verses support the truth that people are not getting "better"?
4. Jesus offers genuine hope for the problem of evil for us in a personal way. Read [John 8:12](#), [11:25-26](#), [14:27](#); [16:33](#) and [Colossians 2:13-15](#). How have you embraced these truths in your life when you have fallen short or been discouraged by what you have experienced and seen around you?
5. "In a world that seems increasingly dark and hopeless, and where the evil desires and choices of people are the source of so much pain and suffering, God has the only way to make sure that justice is done and also mercy and grace prevail." Read [Revelation 11:15b](#), [21:5a](#), [Isaiah 38:17](#), [Psalm 103:10](#) and [Romans 6:23](#). How do these verses as well as the Keller quote in the message notes help you further understand God's genuine hope for you personally and for our world as a whole?
6. Take time to pray together, thanking God for how He has provided for mercy, grace, and justice to prevail.

Day One: [Matthew 24](#)

Day Two: [Genesis 24](#)

Day Three: [1 Corinthians 8](#)

Day Four: [James 2](#)

Day Five: [Job 24](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

## PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.

**EVERYTHING SAD  
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**MYTHUNDERSTANDING**

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*Where is my \_\_\_\_\_ final destination?*

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### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Has an Eschatology

Everyone has to \_\_\_\_\_ how evil is going to be dealt with.

The only difference is what is the \_\_\_\_\_ for our eschatology?

I believe that anyone who honestly examines and evaluates the Christian understanding of eschatology will see it is consistent, captivating, and the most \_\_\_\_\_ and powerful answer to the problem of evil in this world.

### 2. What Christian Eschatology \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Why this world is \_\_\_\_\_ - in just one century (1917-2017), \_\_\_\_\_ (which denies God's existence and required atheism as the official government position) was responsible for \_\_\_\_\_ million deaths...more than the rest of recorded human history. Why don't people get \_\_\_\_\_? (note [Genesis 2:16-17](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [5:12](#)).

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