

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries

Discussion questions for the sermon "Preparing for the Second Coming of Christ" on 6/26/2011

1. Were you aware of the prediction that May 21, 2011, would be the end of the world because Jesus was coming back? What was your reaction to this prediction?
2. How fascinated are you by the predictions and events around the end time and the second coming of Jesus Christ? Explain.
3. What do you know about the second coming of Christ? See if you can back up what you know with specific scriptural references.
4. Read Matthew 24:36-39.
 - a. According to this passage, can anyone know when Jesus is coming back?
 - b. If Jesus made it clear that no one can know when he is coming again, why do you think so many people are going against his teaching and continuing to predict what they cannot know?
5. In all honesty, how much do you care about the second coming of Christ? Explain your answer.
6. How would knowing and caring about the second coming of Christ make any difference?
7. While we cannot know when Jesus is coming back, the Bible does tell us that we can prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ. Open your Bible to 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11. This passage tells us there are three things we can do to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ:
 - a. First, we are to be aware. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:1-5. What does this passage say about being aware?
 - b. Second, we are to be alert and self-controlled. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:6-10. What does this passage say about being alert and self-controlled?

- c. Third, we are to be accountable. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:11. What does this passage say about being accountable?
 - d. Do you think these three instructions are helpful in preparing us for the second coming of Christ? Why or why not?
 - e. What do you need to do to better prepare yourself for the second coming of Christ? How will you do it?
8. Close this time with prayer. Pray for each other, so that we will care about and be prepared for the second coming of Christ.