

God Completes: Jesus' return



Review: Can you remember by heart all eight of the sections of the Mission of God we have covered so far?! Try it as a group and see if you can place them in the same order in which we have covered them! The ninth, God completes, takes us into the final section of the Mission of God – one that is also forward-looking. It looks to the time when Jesus is to return. In this mini-series we assess the impact of that return on us, God's creation, and the hope that binds us to him.



Discuss:

- To what extent do your hopes or expectations regarding the future drive your actions now? At work? In your relationships? In your relationship with God?
- Read Matthew 24:36-51 together. What do you conclude about Jesus coming a second time? What advice and warnings does Jesus give us as a result?
- Jesus offers forgiveness and life (John 5:24) in a world that will be judged (Rev 20:11-15). How then does he intend us to live on earth?
- What are the practical implications of Jesus's command that we "keep watch" (Matt 24:42)? Think of this and discuss it in terms of:
 - maintaining and building your relationship with God
 - your service to God and the church
 - the balance between your life roles and responsibilities



Pray: Give thanks that God is a good and righteous judge. Grant that we will not judge others or try to take his place in that. Pray that instead we await his coming again with watchfulness, giving attention to our own service and role. That we will act in faithfulness to his command to 'keep watch'. Give thanks that we look forward to a time when we will be united with him and the faithful.