

# PAGES

WEEK OF April 22 – April 28 / GROUP TIME GUIDE

This guide is given to aide in the facilitation of leading your small group. It is only an aide for you to **experience Christ together.**

**Prayer:** Begin your time in group together by inviting God to be with you. Ask Him to change you as you seek Him and study His Word together. Ask him to use everyone in the group to encourage, challenge, and teach one another.

## Bible Study:

1. This weekend we closed out our series, “Pages: The Story of God’s Love Through the Bible” by focusing on the coming kingdom. That being, the end times. The Big Idea of this sermon was, *“A day is coming when Jesus Christ will bring life on earth as we know it to an end by returning in all His glory and His people will spend eternity with Him.”*
  - a. **What does it mean that Jesus will bring life on earth as we know it to an end?**
  - b. **As believers in Christ, how should we view the end times?**
2. Pastor Vance taught this Big Idea in two “Acts.” Act #1 was, *“Jesus will return for His people.”* From this we learned three things concerning Jesus’ return. The first was, *“The dead will be raised.”*
  - a. **What is the encouraging word for believers concerning death?**
  - b. **What role does it play in our lives? How should this help us when facing death or the death of a loved one who is in Christ? (Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-14).**
3. Furthermore, we learned, *“We will all be changed”* and *“We will all be together with Jesus once and for all.”* Out of this Pastor Vance taught that in the end times our bodies will be changed from perishable to imperishable. Meaning we will be set free from the power of sin and the presence of sin.
  - a. **What does it mean that we will be transformed from perishable to imperishable?**
  - b. **What does it mean to be set free from the power and presence of sin? What’s the difference in everyday life?**
4. Pastor Vance then unpacked Act #2, *“Jesus will return with His people to establish His kingdom.”* Out of this he made the point that all of Act #1 will happen in an instant, whereas Act #2 will happen quite differently. He taught three points from this Act: all the world will see it, all His glory will be revealed, and all the story will be over.
  - a. **What is the significance of the whole world seeing these acts unfold?**
  - b. **What does it mean that the story will be over? What does that mean for us believers and those who do not believe?**